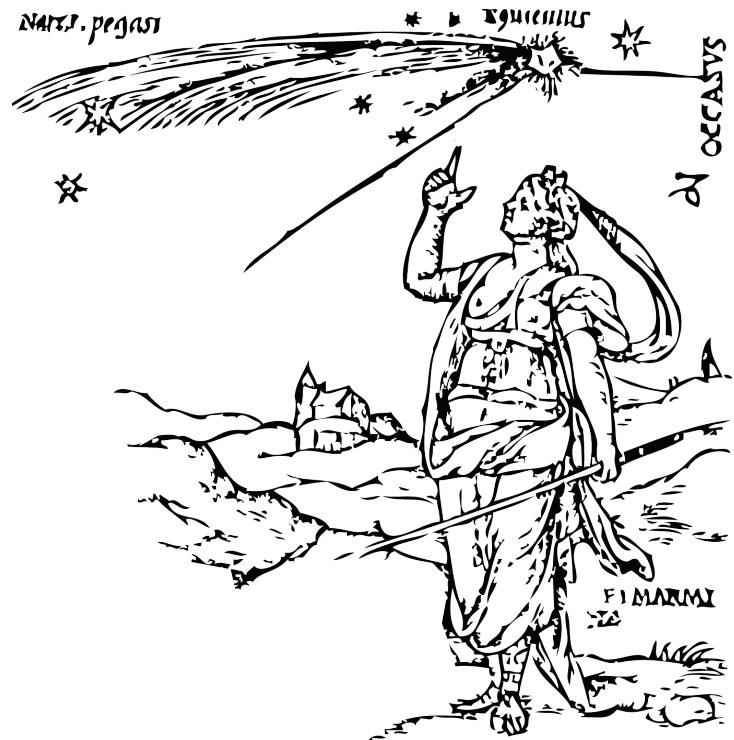


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**Celestial Novelties,  
Science and Politics  
on the Eve  
of the Scientific Revolution  
(1540-1630)**

## Thursday, 29 September

**9.15** Opening remarks (Marco Beretta, Museo Galileo)

**9.30** John Henry (University of Edinburgh),  
*Jean Fernel on celestial influences and the reform of medical theory*

**10.15** Adam Mosley (Swansea University),  
*Past portents predict: astrology and cometary historiae in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries*

**11.00** Coffee break

**11.30** Dario Tessicini (Durham University),  
*The comet of 1577 and cometary theory in Italy*

**12.15** Tayra Lanuza, Víctor Navarro Brotóns (Universitat de València), *Novedades celestes, profecía, ciencia y política en España: 1572-1630*

**13.00** Lunch break

**15.00** Elide Casali (Università di Bologna),  
*Il teatro del cielo. Pronostici astrologici e pronostici spirituali*

**15.45** Isabelle Pantin (Université Paris Ouest),  
*Francesco Giuntini et les nouveautés célestes*

**16.30** Coffee break

**17.00** Miguel Angel Granada (Universitat de Barcelona), *Tycho Brahe's anti-Copernican campaign: His criticism of Michael Maestlin and Thomas Digges in the Astronomiae instauratae progymnasmata*

## Friday, 30 September

**9.15** Nick Jardine (University of Cambridge),  
*Authorities and strategies in Rothmann's treatise on the comet of 1585*

**10.00** Stephen Johnston (Museum of the History of Science, University of Oxford),  
*Thomas Digges: From the new star to the infinite universe*

**10.45** Coffee break

**11.15** Francesco Barreca (Università di Pisa),  
*Kepler's 'struggle against Mars' in its cultural and political context*

**12.00** Patrick Boner (Johns Hopkins University),  
*Kepler and the cometary spirit of 1607*

**13.00** Lunch break

**15.00** Stephen Pumfrey (Lancaster University),  
*Galileo, liar! The aftershocks of 1633 and Galileo's (re?)discovery of the libration of the Moon*

**15.45** Edouard Mehl (Université de Strasbourg),  
*Comètes et taches solaires en Allemagne, 1610-1630. Les hétérodoxes (Faulhaber, Mayr, Mögling) et le point de départ de la "fable du monde" cartésienne*

**16.30** Coffee break

**17.00** Giorgio Strano (Museo Galileo),  
*Galileo, reliable observer: Astronomical accuracy and the optical limits of the telescope*