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Copernicus and the Rise of Modern Science: a Partly Dissenting View

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„On the one hand we are used to speaking of 'the Copernican revolution' inaugurating the onset of modern science. On the other hand, a minority of historians of science has kept pointing out that, if Copernicus was a revolutionary at all, he was a 'conservative revolutionary'.

I myself, all the while acknowledging his undeniably great merits, wouldn't even call him that. In my lecture I shall explain why not, and how we have to see his true historical significance instead."

