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Knowledge and Science between the Late Sixteenth and Early Eighteenth Centuries: Reflections on their Relationship



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Kaspar von Greyerz is one of the most prominent historians of early modern Europe and a pioneer in considering cultural shifts during the period 1500-1800. The current lecture focuses on the relationship between knowledge derived from traditions and from individual experience, and the new science during the so-called Scientific Revolution. Von Greyerz asks whether elite ideas sank down the social scale in bits and pieces, or whether in fact knowledge did not derive from a combination of upward and downward movement. He will argue physico-theology from the 1680s onwards took a combined top-down and bottom-up approach, and will defend the epistemological status of early modern religion within the history of knowledge. He will use the Ulm architect and engineer Joseph Furttentbach (1591-1667) as an example, concluding with an analysis of the genre of *observationes* in late medieval and early modern medicine.

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