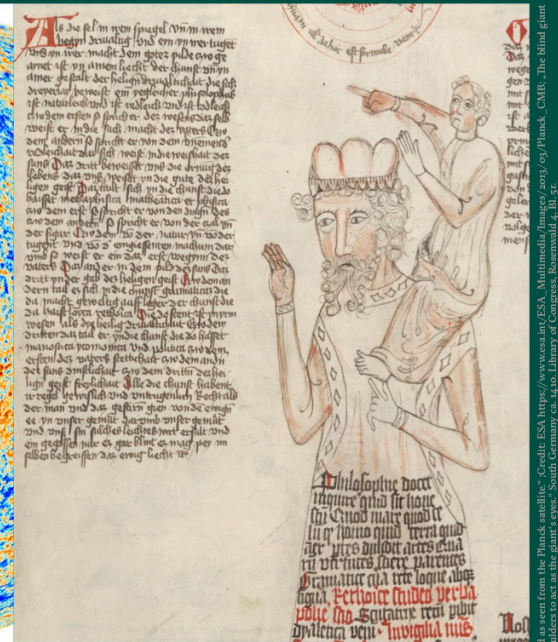
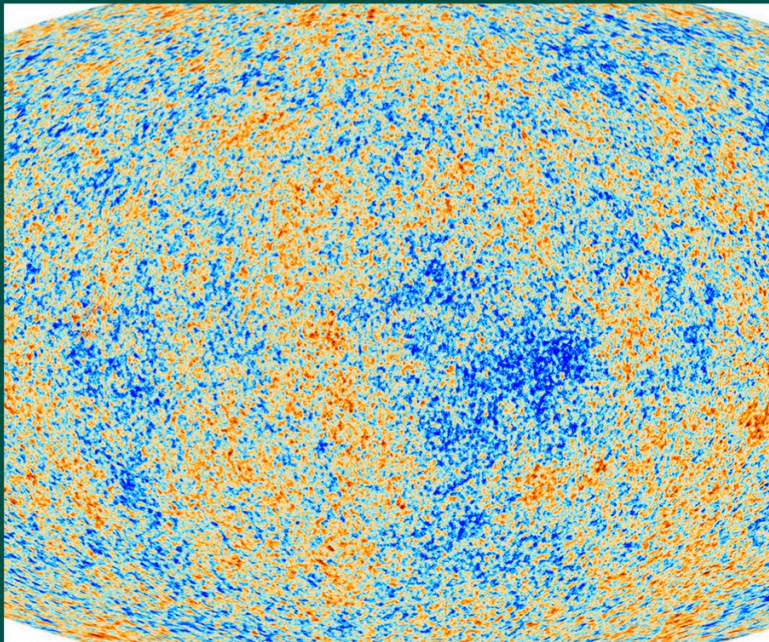




Scientific Questions Then and Now



How are scientific questions posed and answered by scientists, from premodern times until today? Despite radical changes in world views, the apparent persistence of certain recurrent questions in the history of science is striking: examples of such questions include “Where does the world come from?”, “What is it made of?”, “What is life?”, “What is consciousness?”, or “Is the world knowable?”

Our speakers’ series seeks to understand the extent to which such recurrent questions have in fact remained “the same.” One key goal is to determine whether there is, or is not, any core notion of science that remains constant from premodern times to the present. We bring together contemporary scientists with historians of premodern philosophy, to ask whether some of these recurrent questions may still be relevant to contemporary scientific research and practice.

Program	17:00–17:15	Welcome & Introductory Remarks
	17:15–17:45	Keynote by Carlo Rovelli “Aristotle’s Physics: A Physicist’s Look” Chaired by Michael Chase
	Interlude	
	18:00–19:00	Responses Riccardo Chiaradonna Peter Adamson Gottfried Heinemann Chaired by Katja Krause
	Break	
	19:15–19:45	Speakers’ Discussion
	19:45–20:00	Open Discussion Chaired by Alexander Blum

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