



Die Mathematische Gesellschaft lädt zu folgendem Vortrag ein:

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*Ignorance is bliss? Becoming a Copernican in Renaissance  
England*

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am Freitag, den 14. Juni 2002, 17 Uhr c.t. in Hörsaal 6 des Geomatikums

*How and why did people come to accept Copernicus when there was no universally agreed empirical support for heliocentrism?*

I want to investigate the extent to which being a bit *ignorant* (of Renaissance philosophy and learning) helped in this process. Was it easier for artisans and practitioners to accept Copernicus than for scholars?