Focused upon Italy, France, and the Iberian Peninsula between the sixteenth and the seventeenth centuries, our inquiry explores scientific contexts that were marked by Catholic cultural politics. These regions experienced heated religious controversies and political clashes that directly affected scientific culture, including the knowledge about the stars. The control, organization, and direction of science and scientific institutions became a fundamental asset in the attempt to hegemonize intellectual discourses. Cosmology, more than any other field, was at the center of such conflicting cultural agendas because of its theological, metaphysical, and anthropological bearings. It was far from being perceived as a domain of neutral mathematical inquiry.

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