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Mexican Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science S. Ramirez, Robert S. Cohen, 2012-12-06 For a North American seeking to know the Mexican mind and especially the sciences today and in their recent development a great light of genius is to be found in Mexico City in the late 17th century The genius is that of one who surely may be counted as the first Mexican philosopher of nature a nun of the Order of Saint Jerome Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz Sor Juana must speak for herself from her penetrating exercise of an independent mind within a political and religious formation which denigrated women and circumscribed reason itself To understand this world of ours to join in an enlightenment which would be both natural and inspired Sor Juana clearly understood the requirements of learning observing logic and reasoning In darkness foundering Words fail the troubled mind For who I ask can light me When Reason is blind Even now after the great steps toward liberation of women and the substantial scientific contributions toward sheer empirical awareness of both the multiple orders of Nature and the subtle aesthetics of individual art and social harmony we too in the earthly world of the 20th century must affirm what she affirmed

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Science, History and Social Activism Garland E. Allen, Roy M. MacLeod, 2013-03-14 To earn a degree every doctoral candidate should go out to Harvard Square find an audience and explain his or her dissertation Everett Mendelsohn's worldly advice to successive generations of students whether apocryphal or real has for over forty years spoken both to the essence of his scholarship and to the role of the scholar Possibly no one has done more to establish the history of the life sciences as a recognized university discipline in the United States and to inspire a critical concern for the ways in which science and technology operate as central features of Western society This book is both an act of homage and of commemoration to Professor Mendelsohn on his 70th birthday As befits its subject the work it presents is original comparative wide ranging and new Since 1960 Everett Mendelsohn has been identified with Harvard University and with its Department of the History of Science Those that know him as a teacher will also know him as a scholar In 1968 he began and after 30 years has just bequeathed to others the editorship of the Journal of the History of Biology among the earliest and one

of the most important publications in its field At the same time he has been a pioneer in the social history and sociology of science He has formed particularly close working relationships with colleagues in Sweden and Germany as witnessed by his editorial presence in the *Sociology of Science Yearbook* **The Evolutionary Biology Papers of Elie Metchnikoff** H. Gourko, D. Williamson, A.I. Tauber, 2013-04-17 Elie Metchnikoff 1845 1916 winner of the Nobel Prize in 1907 for his contributions to immunology was first a comparative zoologist who working in the wake of Darwin's *On the Origin of Species* made seminal contributions to evolutionary biology His work in comparative embryology is best known in regard to the debates with Ernst Haeckel concerning animal genealogical relationships and the theoretical origins of metazoans But independent of those polemics Metchnikoff developed his phagocytosis theory of immunity as a result of his early comparative embryology research and only in examining the full breadth of his work do we appreciate his signal originality Metchnikoff's scientific papers have remained largely untranslated into English Assembled here annotated and edited are the key evolutionary biology papers dating from Metchnikoff's earliest writings 1865 to the texts of his mature period of the 1890s which will serve as an invaluable resource for those interested in the historical development of evolutionary biology

E.A. Burtt, Historian and Philosopher D. Villemaire, 2013-04-17 Burtt's book *The Metaphysical Foundations of Modern Physical Science* is something of a puzzle within the context of twentieth century intellectual history especially American intellectual history Burtt's pioneering study of the scientific revolution has proved to be prophetic in its rejection of both scientism and positivism Published in 1924 Burtt's book continues to be read in educated circles and remains both the rose and the thorn on university reading lists raising skeptical questions about science methods and science knowledge just as it did seventy five years ago This book examines Burtt's public academic and personal life From his politics of conscience after World War I on through the Cold War Burtt is shown to be a man of unparalleled integrity whose relentless search for philosophic understanding drove his more quixotic philosophical quests and steered his personal life including its tragic dimension toward simple virtue The many who have been affected by *The Metaphysical Foundations* will be especially interested in this new perspective on the life and thought of its author Those who have not read Burtt's books might be inspired to study this unusual American thinker **Creativity, Psychology and the History of Science** H.E. Gruber, Katja Bödeker, 2005-12-28 *Creativity Psychology and the History of Science* offers for the first time a comprehensive overview of the oeuvre of Howard E. Gruber who is noted for his contributions both to the psychology of creativity and to the history of science The present book includes papers from a wide range of topics In the contributions to creativity research Gruber proposes his key ideas for studying creative work Gruber focuses on how the thinking motivation and affect of extraordinarily creative individuals evolve and how they interact over long periods of time Gruber's approach bridges many disciplines and subdisciplines in psychology and beyond several of which are represented in the present volume cognitive psychology developmental psychology history of science aesthetics and politics The volume thus presents a unique and comprehensive

contribution to our understanding of the creative process Many of Gruber s papers have not previously been easily accessible they are presented here in thoroughly revised form The Historical Development of Energetics Georg Helm,2013-12-01 Although produced in controversy this book is not a controversial work The calming effects of the years that have passed since the tumultuous days in Lubeck are enough to guarantee that these pages will accurately trace the coming and going of opinions the battle for the truth and the recognition of error In only a few passages especially in Part Six will one be able to tell from the tone of the book that it comes out of this struggle For these I ask the indulgence of my reader since they contain explanations the extent of which probably does not correspond either to the difficulty of the questions treated or to their influence But in such passages the extent of treatment could not as was otherwise the case be made to depend solely on a judgment as to the value and significance of the investigations presented There considerations of defense more than concern for symmetry had to determine the structure *Fact, Faith and Fiction in the Development of Science* R.

Hooykaas,2013-06-29 In this posthumous book the late Professor R Hooykaas 1906 1994 conveys a lifetime of historical thought about modes of scientific advance over the centuries In what variety of ways has the human mind with all its subjectivity and its capacity for self deception but also its piercing gifts of discovery managed to come to terms with the whimsical tricks of nature Central to this erudite penetrating and widely ranging study is Hooykaas s distinction between facts given by nature yet entirely subject to our mode of interpreting them faith broad conceptions like the idea of order of simplicity or of harmony and fictions in the sense of those daring intellectual tools such as theories and hypotheses and models which reflect the scientist s creative imagination Case studies drawn from the history of all branches of science including chemistry and the earth sciences and from Antiquity to the present day serve to widen and to deepen the understanding of every reader whether a historian of science or not with a desire to learn more about the realities of the scientific pursuit **Mechanics and Natural Philosophy before the Scientific Revolution** Walter Roy Laird,Sophie Roux,2008-01-01 Modern mechanics was forged in the seventeenth century from materials inherited from Antiquity and transformed in the period from the Middle Ages through to the sixteenth century These materials were transmitted through a number of textual traditions and within several disciplines and practices including ancient and medieval natural philosophy statics the theory and design of machines and mathematics This volume deals with a variety of moments in the history of mechanics when conflicts arose within one textual tradition between different traditions or between textual traditions and the wider world of practice Its purpose is to show how the accommodations sometimes made in the course of these conflicts ultimately contributed to the emergence of modern mechanics The first part of the volume is concerned with ancient mechanics and its transformations in the Middle Ages the second part with the reappropriation of ancient mechanics and especially with the reception of the Pseudo Aristotelian *Mechanica* in the Renaissance and the third and final part with early modern mechanics in specific social national and institutional contexts The Reception of Darwinism in the Iberian World

T.F Glick, Miguel Angel Puig-Samper, R. Ruiz, 2001-10-31 I Twenty five years ago at the Conference on the Comparative Reception of Darwinism held at the University of Texas in 1972 only two countries of the Iberian world Spain and Mexico were represented At the time it was apparent that the topic had attracted interest only as regarded the mainstream science countries of Western Europe plus the United States The Eurocentric bias of professional history of science was a fact The sea change that subsequently occurred in the historiography of science makes 1972 appear something like the antediluvian era Still we would like to think that that meeting was prescient in looking beyond the mainstream science countries as then perceived in order to test the variation that ideas undergo as they pass from center to periphery One thing that the comparative study of the reception of ideas makes abundantly clear however is the weakness of the center periphery dichotomy from the perspective of the diffusion of scientific ideas Catholics in mainstream countries for example did not handle evolution much better than did their coreligionaries on the fringes Conversely Darwinians in Latin America were frequently better placed to advance Darwin's ideas in a social and political sense than were their fellow evolutionists on the Continent The Texas meeting was also a marker in the comparative reception of scientific ideas Darwinism aside Although by 1972 scientific institutions had been studied comparatively there was no antecedent for the comparative history of scientific ideas

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