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We, the editors of *Aestimatio*, welcome articles concerning texts and ideas in the history of science that focus on the Old World, ranging from Eurasia to Africa before the modern era, where scientific activity has left its traces by producing bodies and systems of knowledge that either counted as science or bore some significant relation to what counted as science at the time. Our specifying the focus of *Aestimatio* in this way does not involve our taking for granted any particular view of the way or ways in which science is defined or practiced in history. For us, science is not to be characterized solely as a body of knowledge or as a function of social networks and communities, but instead as the product of an engagement between communities and the worlds that they seek to describe or understand. This conception of premodern science in the Old World is, we maintain, the best rubric for the great number of ways in which its history may be studied.

In addition to reviews of noteworthy books, this issue of *Aestimatio* includes some very fine studies and discussions that will, we trust, interest our readers. Potential contributors should bear in mind that we also seek to publish sources, that is, editions and translations of texts falling within the journal's remit.

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