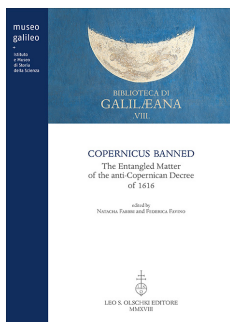


# COPERNICUS BANNED

## THE ENTANGLED MATTER OF THE ANTI-COPERNICAN DECREE OF 1616

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