

# **Did the Greeks know that Babylonian astral science was Babylonian?**

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As a result of more than a century of study of cuneiform tablets, modern historians can identify a large and still growing body of concepts, conventions, methods, and data originating in Babylonian mathematical astronomy and astrology in Greco-Roman sources. The present talk explores the interesting, and surprisingly difficult, question of the extent to which the Greco-Roman practitioners and users of the astral sciences attributed aspects of them to Babylonians, and whether they thought of Babylonian astral science as having a distinguishable character.