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The Enlightened Monarchy: The Habsburg Empire and the European Restoration, 1815-1848

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The Habsburg monarchy is usually portrayed as a ramshackle and gridlocked regime. Examining the history of scholarship, science, and society in the first half of the nineteenth century, Dr. Fillafer presents a new perspective on Habsburg intellectual life and imperial governance. In doing so, he emphasizes the legacies of the Enlightenment that spawned early liberalism and conservatism. By folding intellectual history into a broader political study of how a monarchy governed a diverse empire, this presentation offers a signal reinterpretation of the Revolution for 1848 and sheds fresh light on the contingent linkage between national rights and democratic representation.