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However much the three great traditions of medicine - Galenic, Chinese and Ayurvedic - differed from each other, they had one thing in common: scholarship. The foundational knowledge of each could only be acquired by careful study under teachers relying on ancient texts. Such medical knowledge is special, operating as it does in the realm of the most fundamental human experiences - health, disease, suffering, birth and death - and the credibility of healers is of crucial importance. Because of this, scholarly medical knowledge offers a rich field for the study of different cultural practices in the legitimation of knowledge generally. The contributors to this volume are all specialists in the history or anthropology of these traditions, and their essays range from historical investigations to studies of present-day practices.

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将近二十年前的会议论文集了，看学术脉络如何从争论epistemology能否跨文化比较，发展到Sivin和Lloyd去用“文化簇”硬比，而另外一些人的兴趣转到感观经验与文本传统之间的关系，更有人直接走到“学习”这件事本身的制度和实践层面去。Amos Funkenstein关于学科性的点评很给力。总可以想一想：如果我今天的工作放到当时去，他们会如何界定和评论？

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