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The Hermetic Imagination in the High and Late Enlightenment Lecture by Peter Hanns Reill, UCLA

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Peter Hanns Reill is Distinguished Professor of History Emeritus at the University of California, Los Angeles and former director of UCLA's Center for Seventeenth and Eighteenth-Century Studies and of UCLA's William Andrews Clark Memorial Library. He specializes in the intellectual history of eighteenth-century Europe with an emphasis upon Germany, France and Great Britain. He has focused upon the intersections between science and culture and is also working on a study of the widespread appeal of hermetic thought in the last half of the eighteenth century. He has recently published *Vitalizing Nature in the Enlightenment* (2005), which traces the rise of vitalism in the Enlightenment. He is now working on a companion volume to this study which will trace the manner in which Vitalism served as a model for the creation of the human sciences in the late Enlightenment. In addition, he has published *The German Enlightenment and the Rise of Historicism* (1975) and has edited or co-edited, amongst other books, *Visions of Empire: Voyages, Botany, and Representations of Nature* (1996), *The Encyclopedia of the Enlightenment* (1996; 2nd edition, 2004), *What's Left of the Enlightenment: A Postmodern Question*, (2001), and *Discourses of Tolerance and Intolerance in the Enlightenment* (2009). He has held fellowships from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, the Fulbright-Hayes Program, the Wissenschaftskolleg in Berlin, the Herzog August Bibliothek in Wolfenbüttel the Max-Planck-Institut für Geschichte in Göttingen, and the Center for Advanced Studies in Munich. He is the past president of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies and has been elected a member of the Göttingen Academy of Sciences. He is now a senior fellow at SIPA.

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