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This paper (1) tracks the creation of female inferiority by ancient and early Christian natural philosophers and its maintenance into the 20th century; (2) highlights some of the most consequential gaps in our knowledge of the history of philosophy and science, and (3) draws lessons about how to create a more accurate (and diverse) account of science's past.

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