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Utilizing evidence from numerous imperial cities, this book offers a new explanation for the spread and survival of urban reform during the sixteenth century. By analyzing the operation of regional political constellations, it reveals a common process of negotiation that shaped the Reformation in the Holy Roman Empire. It reevaluates traditional models of reform that leave unexplored the religious implications of flexible systems of communication and support among cities. Such networks influenced urban reform in fundamental ways, affecting how Protestant preachers moved from city to city, as well as what versions of the Reformation city councils introduced. This fusion of religion and politics meant that with local variations, negotiation within a regional framework sat at the heart of urban reform. *The Negotiated Reformation* therefore explains not only how the Reformation spread to almost every imperial city in southern Germany, but also how it survived imperial attempts to suppress religious reform.

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List of Abbreviations

ARG Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte
BBK Beiträge zur bayerischen Kirchengeschichte
CEH Central European History
CS Corpus Schwenckfeldianorum
EKA KF Evangelisches Kirchenarchiv Kaufbeuren
fl. Gulden
PC Politisches Correspondenz der Stadt Strassburg im Zeitalter der Reformation
SCJ Sixteenth Century Journal
StA A Staatsarchiv Augsburg
RNö, MüB Reichsstadt Nördlingen, Münchener Bestand
StadtA A Stadtarchiv Augsburg
LitS Literaliensammlung
MB Markgrafschaft Burgau
RA Reichsstadt Akten
RefA Reformationsakten
RP Ratsprotokolle
StadtA MM Stadtarchiv Memmingen
StadtA UL Stadtarchiv Ulm
StN Staatsarchiv Nürnberg
Rst Nbg Reichsstadt Nürnberg
ZBKG Zeitschrift für bayerische Kirchengeschichte
ZHVS Zeitschrift des Historischen Vereins für Schwaben
ZSRG, KA Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte, Kanonistische Abteilung
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