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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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ARG	<i>Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte</i>
BBK	<i>Beiträge zur bayerischen Kirchengeschichte</i>
CEH	<i>Central European History</i>
CS	<i>Corpus Schwenckfeldianorum</i>
EKA KF	Evangelisches Kirchenarchiv Kaufbeuren
fl.	Gulden
PC	<i>Politisches Correspondenz der Stadt Strassburg im Zeitalter der Reformation</i>
SCJ	<i>Sixteenth Century Journal</i>
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	<i>Zeitschrift für bayerische Kirchengeschichte</i>
ZHVS	<i>Zeitschrift des Historischen Vereins für Schwaben</i>
ZSRG, KA	<i>Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte, Kanonistische Abteilung</i>

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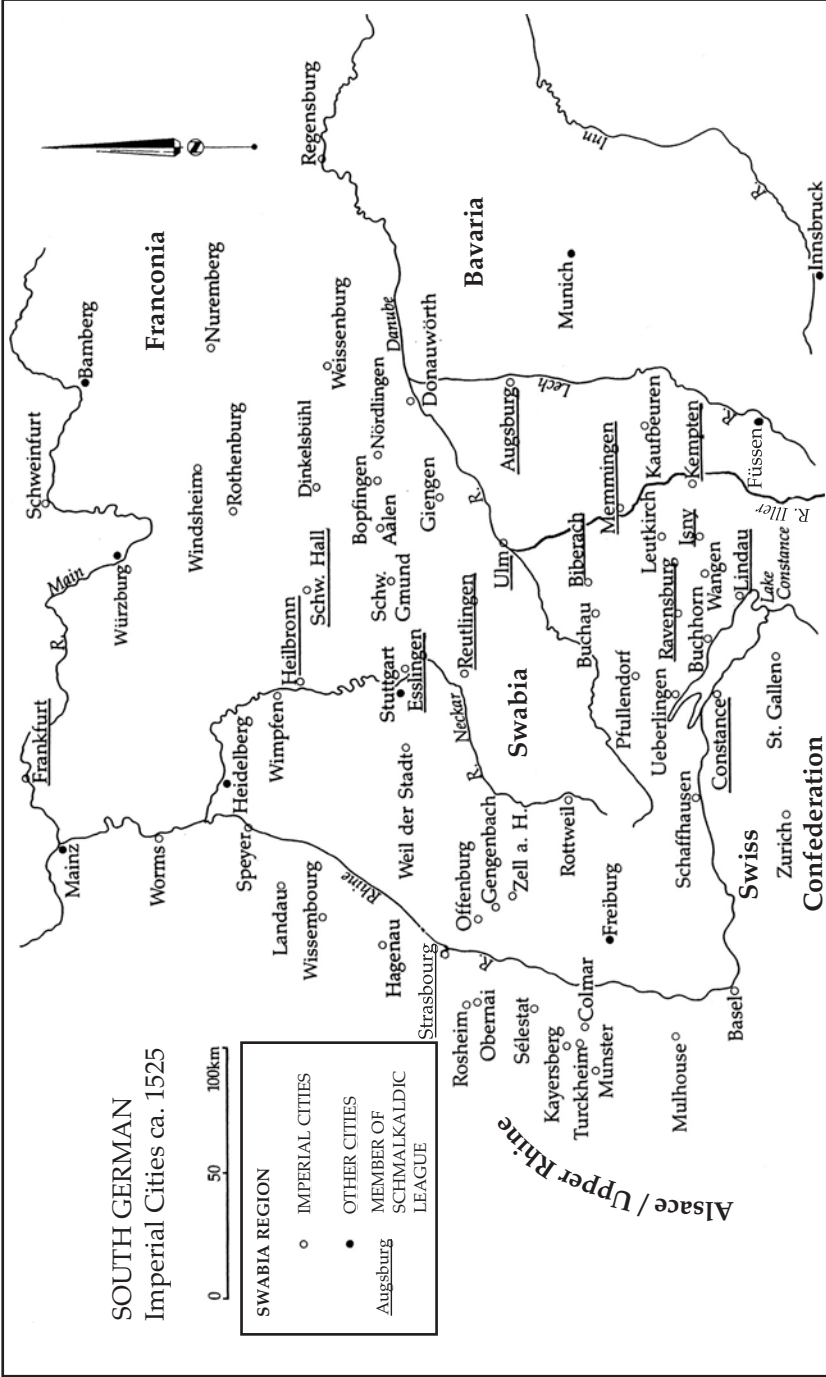
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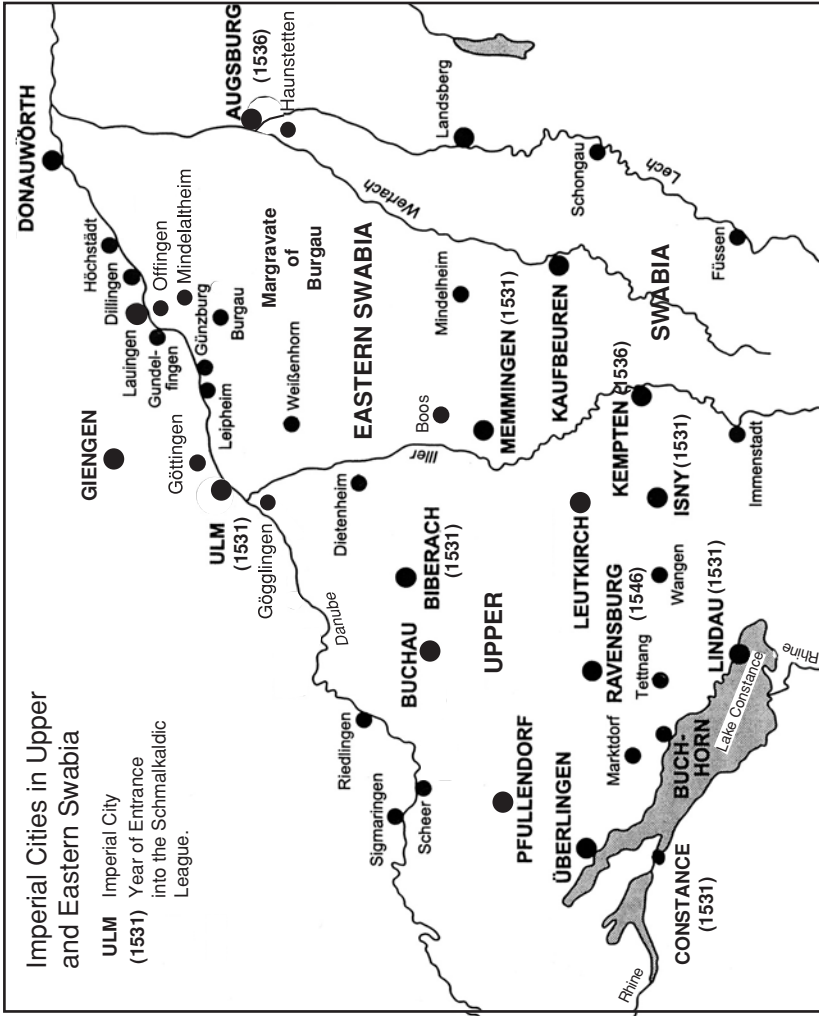
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