Emotions and the German Peasants' War, 1524-5

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How should historians study emotions to help them understand the past? The German Peasants' War of 1524-5 was the biggest popular uprising in Western Europe before the French Revolution. Thousands were slain as the revolt was bloodily suppressed. If we are to understand what made people risk everything they had to engage in rebellion, we need to understand their emotions, not just ideology.

In this talk, Lyndal Roper seeks to outline the emotional patterns of the Peasants' War and to ask how they can help explain what happened.

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