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Abstract: The Holy Year 1525

Historians have repeatedly analysed individual years as historical units of time. These annual studies often do not examine events shaping a particular year in isolation, but instead contextualise and bring together seemingly unrelated processes and developments to form an overall picture. A study of the year 1525 seems particularly worthwhile for such an analysis due to the different associations and memories it evokes (e.g. the Battle of Pavia, the German Peasants' War, the marriage of Martin Luther, the Holy Year). Analysing the various political, confessional and social crises that were reflected and concentrated in the year 1525, and the positioning of the papacy and the Roman Curia in this context, can help explain why the celebration of the Holy Year of 1525 in Rome was not a success.

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