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Das Ende der Reformation

Magdeburgs »Herrgotts Kanzlei« (1548–1551/2)

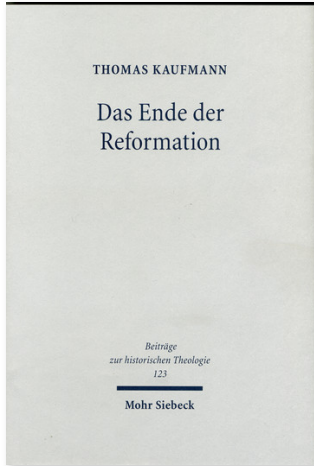
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Thomas Kaufmann examines the publications of the so-called »Herrgotts Kanzlei«, which produced more than 400 pamphlets during the Interim crisis in Magdeburg, thus articulating the only effective resistance to the religious policies of Charles V. He shows how the »Herrgotts Kanzlei« plays a key role in the interpretation of the Lutheran Reformation and its internal pluralization. In addition to a description of the infrastructural prerequisites, the author categorizes and analyzes the material from a literary and theological perspective, taking into account the publication strategy as well. He also shows the premises of anti-Interim journalism and the position taken by the city council. The study is based on a bibliography published in the appendix, which for the first time provides a reliable documentation of the complete publications of the Magdeburg printers during the Interim crisis.

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