

# Sixteenth Century Pamphlets

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Part I: The early 16<sup>th</sup> century (1501-1530)

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### Introduction

Pamphlets, especially those of the early modern era, form an indispensable source for researchers in many disciplines. Herald of mass communication, the pamphlet was aimed at all layers of the population in the hope of influencing public opinion. These texts reflect not only the political and social conflicts of the time, but also the struggles concerning religion and the church. In addition, they illuminate the otherwise so elusive attitudes and convictions as well as the hopes and fears of the common people. For studies on the development of languages the pamphlets offer a unique basis for comparison, because many of them have survived in dozens of editions originating from different parts of the German-speaking world and covering a considerable span of time. The accompanying woodcuts, used as visual propaganda, provide a large area for research by art historians.

The pamphlets thus constitute an important and often irreplaceable body of sources for historians, theologians, folklorists, and art historians, as well as scholars in the fields of linguistics and literature, but it is very difficult to make use of them because the originals are scattered over hundreds of libraries in many different countries.

This problem has now been solved since the IDC microfiche series are being produced to make available the complete texts of most of the pamphlets published during the sixteenth century in the German-speaking part of the world. This project supported by detailed bibliographical aids will therefore fill a gap which scholars have lamented for many years.

### Part I: 1501-1530

In the period between 1978 and 1988, IDC started to prepare a microfiche edition of the German and Latin pamphlets printed in the Holy Roman Empire during the first three decades of the sixteenth century. This edition contains the complete texts of 5,000 pamphlets.

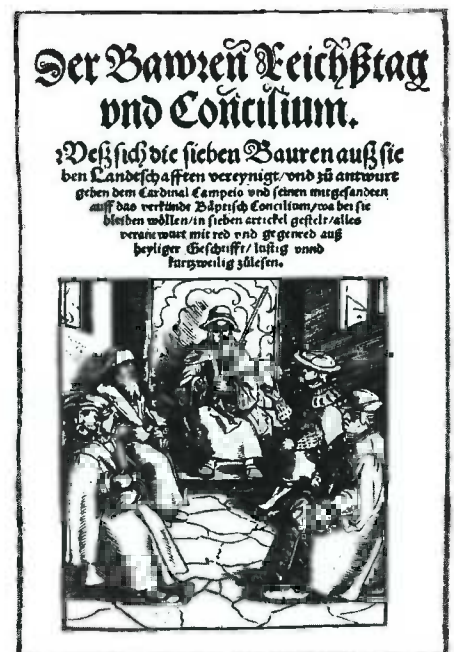
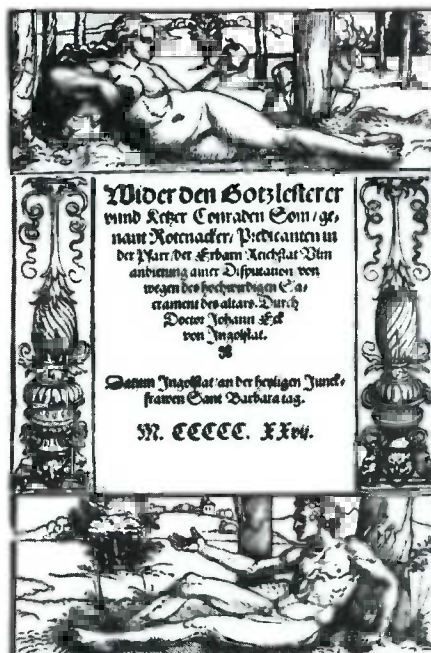
The early pamphlets are predominantly concerned with the early Reformation movement and its propaganda, with the Peasants' War, with the threat presented by the expansion of the Turks, and with the various conflicts among the Western European countries.

### Part II: 1531-1600

The success of Part I has led IDC to continue the project with a new series, *Pamphlets of the Later Part of the Sixteenth Century, 1531-1600*. The new series will be issued in at least ten annual installments of about 190 microfiches carrying the texts of 350-500 pamphlets, and when complete will include most of the pamphlets produced in the German-speaking world during these decades.

The pamphlets of this later period deal with a broad spectrum of themes: the political and military conflicts in Europe such as the Turkish wars, the revolt of the Netherlands, the persecution of French Protestantism, the status of Calvinists and Zwinglians in the Holy Roman Empire, the Council of Trent, the Anabaptist kingdom of Münster, the Schmalkaldic War and the Interim, propaganda against the papacy and the Jesuits, intra-Protestant theological quarrels, the building of confessional networks, witchhunting, and anti-Jewish polemics - to mention only a few.

As for Part I, each year's installment of the second part will be accompanied by an index covering authors, titles, printers, printing places, and years of publication.



## The bibliography

The annual indices are provided to make the microfiche immediately usable, but about a year after the series is completed, a multi-volume printed bibliography of pamphlets published in the later part of the sixteenth century will begin to appear. These volumes will contain detailed descriptions of the individual pamphlets and also a large number of indices, some giving access to the subject matter, which will facilitate use of the pamphlets by scholars of various disciplines.

The bibliography will contain a separate index for each of the following:

- titles
- places of printing
- printers
- years of printing
- illustrations
- former owners
- present locations
- genres
- languages (by year and by place of printing)
- key words on title pages

The first part of this bibliography, i.e., the seven volumes covering the pamphlets published in 1501-1530, will appear between 1991 and 1999. The volumes covering Part II, 1531-1600, will appear after completion of the microfiche edition.

The price of the bibliography is not included in the subscription price for the microfiche.

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## The collection

### Part I

Scope	5,000 pamphlets
Number of fiche	1,956
Order number	H-1830

### Part II

Scope of the project	between 3,500 and 5,000 pamphlets
Time schedule	at least 10 years (one delivery per year)
First delivery	1990
Order number	H-2038

**A standing order can be placed for the subsequent stages of the project**

### General information

Size of fiche	105 x 148 mm
Film type	Positive silver halide
Reduction ratio	1:18 / 1:19
Internal finding aids	Eye legible headers with the numbers of the pamphlets relating to the reference numbers in the indexes and bibliography
External finding aids	- Printed indices by author, title, place of publication, publication date and printer. Two copies of each index come free with the microfiche - A detailed bibliography by Hans-Joachim Köhler (in preparation)
Storage	The microfiche are supplied in sturdy plastic binders with dustcover

## Sixteenth Century Pamphlets on microfiche received high praise:

"The rarity of these pamphlets at the present day and the poor state of preservation in which some of them are to be found mean that this microfiche edition makes an important contribution to ensuring the survival of the existing examples and to improving access and ease of use. This alone would deserve high praise, but the fact that the edition is now accompanied by a bibliography that provides information about the content of the pamphlets as well as their form makes this one of the most outstanding enterprises of the past few years in the field of the rediscovery and dissemination of old printed works..."

K. Schreiber, *Zeitschrift für Bibliothekswesen und Bibliographie*, 1993.

"These pamphlets have made us aware of a body of sources that open up entirely new perspectives for research into the sixteenth century."

P. Blickle, *Historische Zeitschrift Band*, 1993.

"A series of 'Early Sixteenth-Century Pamphlets on Microfiche', which [...] was launched with the claim that it would be a representative collection, has now become a reality."

W. Schmitz, *Germanistik*, 1994.

"This collection of sixteenth-century pamphlets, dating from the years 1500-1530, has proved to be of enormous value to me in my researches.

With Hans-Joachim Köhler's handbook at one's side, this collection opens up possibilities in Reformation research that simply did not exist before."

Leif Grane, 1995.