



Beyond Pastoral Care: Clergy, Society, and Popular Agency in the Late Habsburg Empire

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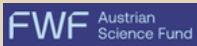
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Beyond their primary function as religious caregivers, clergymen in the late Habsburg Empire were typically among the rare educated inhabitants in a village and thus figured as important actors in local cultural, political and economic life. In an age of developing mass politics, their position in local society was also increasingly subject to contestation from the communities that they served. Delving into several pertinent contemporary issues that range from linguistic policy to popular oppositional politics, the three talks will present case studies that examine relationships between priests and local society within various local contexts in the late Habsburg Empire. The talks will be followed by a wider discussion on the nexus between ecclesiastic and social, political, and cultural history in Habsburg studies.

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