

SUMMARIES

THE BRAUNAU REVOLTS (1680) AND THEIR POTENTIAL FOR MODERNIZATION

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In the history of the Bohemian Lands, the year 1680 is imprinted with the picture of the great wave of peasant rebellion. Thus, unrest and in some cases even open opposition in several towns against their respective landlords have been overshadowed by these peasant revolts. In this study, the author examines a practically unknown event: the rebellion of the people of the town of Braunau, which did not have imperial status and belonged, together with the region around the neighbouring Politz, to the Benedictine monastery of Braunau. Čechura offers a detailed reconstruction of the Braunau events of 1680 and attempts to explain them by way of comparison with what happened throughout Europe. As particularly important in this respect he treats Andreas Würigler's concept of the "modernization potential inherent in revolts", which, applied to Braunau, highlights far-reaching similarities with developments in the southwest of the Empire and in the Swiss Confederation.