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“Luther and the Emotional Dynamics of the Reformation”

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The Reformation was a theological and intellectual movement, but it was also profoundly emotional. Luther's unbearable fear and despair as a monk was what impelled him to understand God's justice differently. Anger was central to Luther's creativity - time and again, he reached new intellectual insights through attacking father figures. Envy, too, played its part, and in his letters, Luther constantly attributes envy to others. And when clerical celibacy was abolished, and priests began to marry, a host of complex sexual emotions were unleashed. This lecture explores how we can understand the Reformation differently by exploring its emotional dynamics

Lyndal Roper is Professor of Early Modern History at the University of Oxford, and editor of the premier historical journal, *Past and Present*. She has recently been appointed Regius Professor of History at Oxford - the first woman and the first Australian to be appointed to this prestigious chair. Professor Roper works primarily in the field of gender history and the religious and social history of early modern Germany. Her publications have focused on issues of gender, witchcraft, the body, dreams and fantasy. Her forthcoming book is *Witchcraft and the Western Imagination* (University of Virginia Press), and she is now working on a biography of Martin Luther. Lyndal Roper is an alumna of the University of Melbourne.



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