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“The Rebellion of 1416: Recontextualizing an Ottoman Social Movement”

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This paper reconsiders the Rebellion of 1416, formerly known as Sheikh Bedreddin’s Rebellion. The rebellion, probably the largest in Ottoman history, began in 1416 and took place on two fronts—the western coast of Anatolia and the Zagora region of Bulgaria. This paper departs from the common approaches to the rebellion, which have focused on the persona of Sheikh Bedreddin and the impact of his heterodox formulation of Islam. It reexamines the rebellion in relation to the material conditions of the period, in the search for a clearer picture, albeit perhaps not a definitive one.

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Salgırlı’s article offers a brilliant historical revision based on an extensive consideration of the socio-economic conditions of the rural and urban populations involved in the riot. It makes effective and extensive use of primary sources to articulate an original thesis and propose revisionary conclusions. This well-written discussion is ambitious without any pretentiousness and analytical rather than merely descriptive.