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No part of Central Europe was more profoundly impacted by religious reform than the lands of the medieval Hungarian kingdom. On the front-line between Christian and Muslim Europe, Hungarian society was divided between a range of religions in the middle decades of the sixteenth century. In the Transylvanian principality these divisions were peacefully accommodated in a remarkable system of religious pluralism.

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