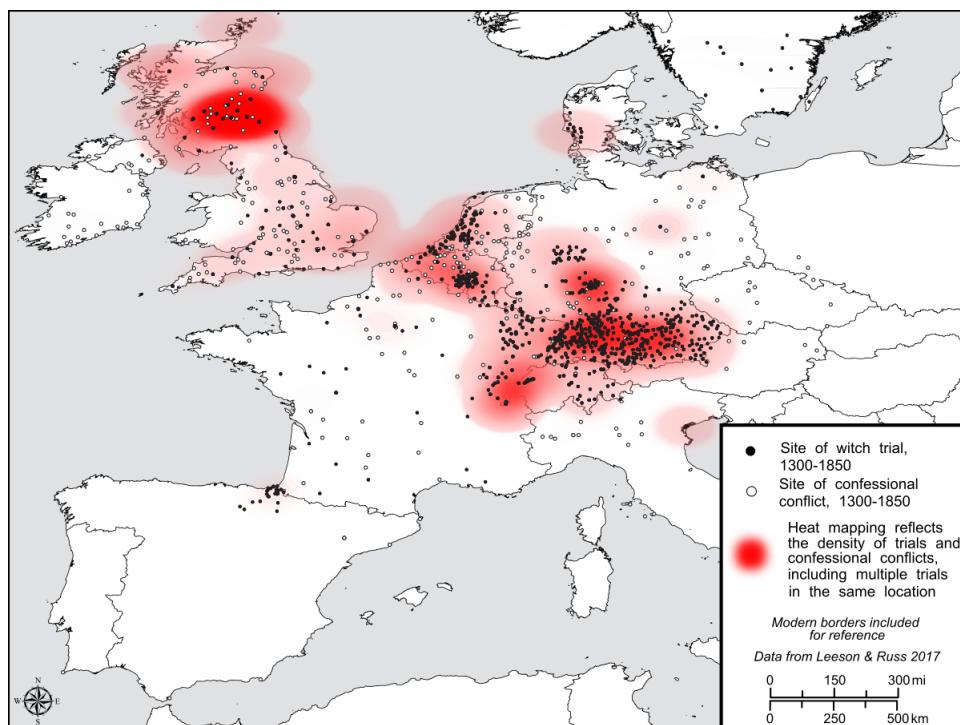


# Witch Trials and Confessional Conflicts (1300-1850)

## Abstract

Religious anxieties about heresy, demonic activity, and social discipline intensified as extensive religious, judicial, and social changes unfolded in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Religious strife intensified in some confessional border regions, and those areas of more intensive religious conflict also witnessed the most significant concentration of witch hunts. This map highlights the overlap in locations of significant witch hunts and religious conflicts in early modern Europe.

## Source



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