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PREFACE

This volume is the result of collaboration between historians from Norway, Sweden and Finland who share enthusiasm for shedding new light on the social dynamics of early modern peasantry. The idea began to develop in the conference ‘Agency and State Building in the 16th and 17th Centuries’ held at the University of Jyväskylä, Finland, 13–15 November 2013. It took some time of considering and modelling, until finally the outlines of the volume were laid down in cooperation with all the contributors. We were able to present our studies at the ESSHC conference in València, Spain, 30 March–2 April 2016. At all stages, the process of writing and editing has been a smooth and efficient one and it has been my pleasure to cooperate with the authors, for which I want to express my warmest thanks. I also want to thank the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Jyväskylä and the Academy of Finland Centre of Excellence ‘History of Society: Rethinking Finland 1400–2000’ for their financial support, as well as Alex Reed for English language proofreading and Kauko Kyöstiö for drawing the maps.

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