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# Francis and His Predecessors: Quantifying Continuity and Change in the Modern Papacy

March 19th, 2026 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Professor Theriault will describe the extent to which Pope Francis's widely noted reputation for breaking with tradition is borne out by systematic evidence drawn from the routine actions of the modern papacy. Using the tools of social science, he analyzes if Francis had different policy priorities, promoted different people, and traveled to different places than his predecessors.

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