

Francesco II Papa Della Povert E Del Cambiamento

Francisco ha querido subrayar las cuestiones de justicia social, y se ha posicionado como un héroe ante buena parte de la izquierda. Algunos conservadores que seguían el pensamiento de Juan Pablo II y Benedicto XVI se han sentido incómodos, aunque apoyan al papa Francisco y alaban sus gestos de misericordia y compasión. El papa Francisco habla de tender puentes como parte del mensaje cristiano, pero algunas de sus palabras parecen más bien construir muros que lo separan de parte de los creyentes. Para romper esos muros su mensaje recuerda a los conservadores los problemas de desigualdad y pobreza, mientras repite a los liberales que la justicia social no es suficiente, que la Iglesia es la esposa de Cristo, y no una institución social o una ONG.

America brucia ancora è un reportage dalla scioccante campagna elettorale 2016, quella in cui il mostro della politica americana si è infine ribellato al suo creatore, la realtà ha superato la fantasia e uno dei candidati ha fatto e detto cose che avrebbero affossato chiunque altro uscendone non solo indenne, ma vincitore. Come diavolo siamo arrivati a questo punto? Per provare a dare una risposta Ben Fountain indaga il passato – dal razzismo mai sradicato che ha avuto la sua massima espressione nella «Southern strategy», al culto della personalità che ha portato alla ribalta celebri cialtroni, alle diseguaglianze che affondano le radici nello schiavismo e sono state poi replicate in ogni epoca. Nelle sue mani la storia torna nuova, fresca, viva, e si fonde con il presente per darci un vivido ritratto della nazione: una diagnosi dei sintomi che ammalano l'America e al tempo stesso un'affascinante chiave di lettura utile a gettare luce sugli scenari futuri. Già due volte, infatti, gli Stati Uniti hanno dovuto bruciare la propria identità per ricostruirla in modo radicale: la prima fu la sanguinosa guerra civile combattuta per mettere fine alla schiavitù, e la seconda fu la Grande Depressione, che innescò le politiche del New Deal e la nascita dello stato sociale. Quella a cui assistiamo oggi potrebbe essere la terza crisi esistenziale dell'America. Sulla scia del lavoro condotto da Hunter Thompson nella campagna presidenziale del 1972 e da Joan Didion in quella del 1988, Ben Fountain, con il suo occhio per l'assurdo e la sua capacità di mappare le compulsioni, le stranezze e l'ostinato attaccamento alla fantasia dell'America, ci regala uno dei migliori scritti politici degli ultimi cinquant'anni.

Following his critically acclaimed *The Great Reformer*, Austen Ivereigh's colorful, clear-eyed portrait of Pope Francis takes us inside the Vatican's urgent debate over the future of the church in *Wounded Shepherd*. This deeply contextual biography centers on the tensions generated by the pope's attempt to turn the Church away from power and tradition and outwards to engage humanity with God's mercy. Through battles with corrupt bankers and worldly cardinals, in turbulent meetings and on global trips, history's first Latin-American pope has attempted to reshape the Church to evangelize the contemporary age. At the same time, he has stirred other leaders' deep-seated fear that the Church is capitulating to modernity—leaders who have challenged his bid to create a more welcoming, attentive institution. Facing rebellions over his allowing sacraments for the divorced and his attempt to create a more "ecological" Catholicism, as well as a firestorm of criticism for the Church's record on sexual abuse, Francis emerges as a leader of remarkable vision and skill with a relentless spiritual focus—a leader who is at peace in the turmoil surrounding him. With entertaining anecdotes, insider accounts, and expert analysis, Ivereigh's journey through the key episodes of Francis's reform in Rome and the wider Church brings into sharp focus the frustrations and fury, as well as the joys and successes, of one of the most remarkable pontificates of the contemporary age.

The presence of the orthopedically impaired body in art is so pervasive that, paradoxically, it has failed to attract the attention of most art historians. In *Picturing the Lame in Italian Art from Antiquity to the Modern Era*, Livio Pestilli investigates the changing meaning that images of

individuals with limited mobility acquired through the centuries. This study evinces that in distinct opposition to the practice of classical artists, who manifested a lack of interest in the subject of lameness since it was considered 'a defect or a deformity' and deformity a 'want of measure, which is always unsightly,' their Early Christian counterparts depicted them profusely, because images of the miraculous healing of the lame became the reassuring sign of universal acceptance and the promise of a more equitable existence in this life or the next. In the Middle Ages, instead, when voluntary poverty came to be associated with the necessary condition of faithfulness to Christ, the indigent lame, along with others who were forced to beg for a living, became the image of the alter Christus. This view was to change in the Renaissance and Baroque periods, when, with the resurgence of classical and Pauline ideals that condemned the idle, representations of the orthopedically impaired became associated with swindlers, freeloaders and parasites. This fascinating story came basically to an end in the Eighteenth century when, with the revival of the Greek ideal of the Beautiful, the lame gradually left center stage to be relegated again to the margins of the visual arts.

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When Pope Francis wrote in his apostolic letter *The Joy of the Gospel* that the economy of the West is one that “kills,” he was immediately labeled by some as a Marxist. Criticisms came fast and furious, not only from financial columnists and conservative cable personalities, but also from some Catholic commentators, especially in the United States. In *This Economy Kills*, two of the most respected journalists covering the Vatican today explore the Pope’s teaching and witness on the topic; the ways it relates to other topics like war, the environment, and family life; its connections to the teaching of his predecessors; and the criticism it has generated, especially from the direction of the United States. This fascinating book includes the full text of an extended interview the authors conducted with Francis on the topic of capitalism and social justice, appearing here in English for the first time. *This Economy Kills* is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand Pope Francis’s convictions about the world we live in and the way he believes Christians are called to shape it.

Poverty, Money, and Ecology as Pillars of Pope Francis's Pontificate
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The role played by artistic, literary, historical and theological representations in the establishment of the European Reformation has attracted scholarly attention over the years. While they were generally regarded as a significant means of conveying the evangelical message, particularly in a society with a low average literacy rate, this scholarly consensus was then seriously challenged by objecting that their meaning must have remained opaque to those who couldn’t read and interpret their sometimes multilayered imagery and their verbal and figurative messages. This volume, which publishes some of the papers delivered at the Fourth Reformation Research Consortium Conference held in Bologna, May 15th–17th, 2014, is an attempt to examine the visual intelligibility of the European Reformation by a comparative, multiconfessional and multidisciplinary analysis of examples taken from both the Catholic and the Protestant world in the Early Modern and Modern Era, with particular reference to the figurative arts, but also to history and theology. All the case studies included here examine their peculiar subjects with regard to their religious and artistic contexts, in order to understand their historical significance in a new fashion, combining approaches from political history, history of arts, historiography, anthropology, philosophy and theology. Thus, the volume offers a very rich outline of how visual

culture and representation through arts was embodied in very different cultural portraits and images.

"Analyzes the politics and economics of architecture and the building process in seventeenth-century Rome. Explores topics ranging from the financing of construction to the availability of materials and personnel"--Provided by publisher.

Ever since the time of Francis of Assisi, a commitment to voluntary poverty has been a controversial aspect of religious life. This volume explores the interaction between poverty and religious devotion in the mendicant orders between the thirteenth and fifteenth centuries. While poverty has often been perceived more as a Franciscan than as a Dominican emphasis, this volume considers its role within a broader movement of evangelical renewal associated with the mendicant transformation of religious life. At a time of increased economic prosperity, reformers within the Church sought new ways of encouraging identification with the person of Christ. This volume considers the paradoxical tension between voluntary poverty as a way of emulating Christ and involuntary poverty as situation demanding a response from those with the means to help the poor. Drawing on history, literature and visual arts, it explores how the mendicant orders continued to transform religious life into the time of the renaissance. The papers in this volume are organised under three headings, prefaced with an introductory essay by the editors: Poverty and the Rule of Francis, exploring the interpretation of poverty in the Franciscan Order; Devotional Cultures, considering aspects of devotional life fostered by mendicant religious communities, Franciscan, Augustinian and Dominican; Preaching Poverty, on the way poverty was promoted and practiced within the Dominican Order in the later Middle Ages and Renaissance. Vertical Readings in Dante's Comedy is a reappraisal of the poem by an international team of thirty-four scholars. Each vertical reading analyses three same-numbered cantos from the three canticles: Inferno i, Purgatorio i and Paradiso i; Inferno ii, Purgatorio ii and Paradiso ii; etc. Although scholars have suggested before that there are correspondences between same-numbered cantos that beg to be explored, this is the first time that the approach has been pursued in a systematic fashion across the poem. This collection – to be issued in three volumes – offers an unprecedented repertoire of vertical readings for the whole poem. As the first volume exemplifies, vertical reading not only articulates unexamined connections between the three canticles but also unlocks engaging new ways to enter into core concerns of the poem. The three volumes thereby provide an indispensable resource for scholars, students and enthusiasts of Dante. The volume has its origin in a series of thirty-three public lectures held in Trinity College, the University of Cambridge (2012-2016) which can be accessed at the 'Cambridge Vertical Readings in Dante's Comedy' website.

En abril de 2019 Netflix estrenará la película El papa, protagonizada por Anthony Hopkins (Benedicto XVI) y Jonathan Pryce (Francisco) Por el autor y guionista nominado a un Óscar de La teoría del todo y El instante más oscuro.

The essays in this collection, first published over a thirty-year period, attempt to show how Roman Catholic communities in early modern Europe (particularly the great cities of Italy, and Venice above all) treated poor people and organized

poor relief. Some essays discuss the principal groupings of poor, from the genteel, 'shamefaced' poor to orphans and foundlings, and from working folk to idle rogues. Others examine the motives and functions of the principal types of organization that dealt with poor people, either incidentally or as their main concern: religious brotherhoods, hospitals, conservatories, public loan banks, houses for the conversion of Jews and Muslims to Christianity. One main argument is that, although Catholics and Protestants shared a dislike and fear of vagrancy and reacted in similar ways to economic crises, Catholic charity was in many respects quite different from Protestant. Les essais contenus dans ce recueil, initialement parus sur une période de trente-quatre ans, tentent de montrer comment les communautés catholiques (romaines), à l'aube de l'Europe moderne (particulièrement dans les grandes cités italiennes et surtout à Venise), traitaient les pauvres et organisaient leur soutien. Certains essais s'intéressent aux principaux groupements de pauvres: des pauvres décents et honteux, aux orphelins et enfants trouvés, ainsi que des travailleurs aux bons à rien. D'autres examinent les motifs et fonctions des principaux types d'organisations qui s'occupaient des pauvres, soit de façon occasionnelle ou en tant qu'activité principale: confréries religieuses, hospices, conservatoires, caisses d'emprunts publiques, centres de conversion au Christianisme pour Juifs et Musulmans. Un des arguments principaux étant le suivant: Catholiques et Protestants, bien que partageant la même peur et le même dégoût vis-à-vis du vagabondage et que réagissant de façon analogue face aux situations de crise é

Il pluripremiato scienziato del clima Michael E. Mann e il vignettista politico, vincitore del premio Pulitzer, Tom Toles sono stati in prima linea nella lotta contro il negazionismo climatico per la maggior parte delle loro carriere. Hanno assistito alla manipolazione dei mezzi di comunicazione per interessi economici e politici e al gioco spregiudicato e fazioso su questioni che riguardano il benessere di miliardi di persone. Le lezioni che hanno imparato hanno ispirato questa brillante via di fuga dal manicomio delle guerre sul clima. La Terra brucia ritrae i contorsionismi mentali cui devono ricorrere i negazionisti per distorcere ogni logica e per nascondere le prove di quanto l'attività umana abbia cambiato il clima della Terra. Le sicure competenze di Mann nella comunicazione scientifica si propongono di riportare equilibrio nel dibattito sempre acceso contro un consenso scientifico ampiamente riconosciuto. Le vignette di Toles smascherano con ironia le strategie antiscientifiche. La sinergia di questi due crociati della scienza del clima si propone di convertire alla vera scienza anche i dubbiosi più irriducibili.

This collection of essays honors Michael W. Blastic, O.F.M. on his 70th birthday. The contributors address issues within academic areas in which he has taught and published: the Writings of Francis; Franciscan history, hagiography and spirituality; medieval women; and Franciscan theology and philosophy. This book analyzes the Vatican policies of Francis, during the first seven years of his pontificate, in relation to some of the most urgent questions concerning humanity:

migrants and refugees, the economy, and ecology.

Examining the key works of Buzzati and Morante, Siddell looks at two coexisting and conflicting approaches: one which defined place as an outcome of individual perception, and another in which place is understood as an arrangement of locations separate from the individual. The progression of Buzzati's texts from plausible indications of location to perception-bound space is examined, as is Morante's use of enclosed spaces as the basis of a conceptualisation of elsewhere, paying attention to the contrast and interaction between opposing constructs of place.

This book provides a vivid biography of a towering Italian banker, pioneer and entrepreneur. It weaves the entrepreneurial ventures of Alessandro Torlonia (1800-1886) through the narratives of business and politics in the Nineteenth century, the growth of European financial markets and the decline of Papal power during the Italian Risorgimento. The discussion is founded in rigorous historical research using original sources such as the Archivum Secretum Vaticanum papers and other official documents; the archives of the Torlonia family, and of the Rothschild bank in Paris; memoirs; correspondences, and newspapers. Through this book readers learn that Alessandro Torlonia was a man of many faces, who was one of the most complex and influential characters of Italian economic life in the nineteenth century. Felisini also provides an expert critique of the financial history of the papacy: an area of heightened interest given the notoriety of relations between the Holy See and its bankers in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Focal topics such as the history of European elites and the history of European financial markets will have an interdisciplinary appeal for scholars and researchers.

Merchant networks generated trade and the exchange of goods between the cities of early modern Europe. This collection of essays analyses these commercial networks, focusing on the roles of kinship, origin, religion and business in creating and maintaining urban economies.

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An authoritative and comprehensive intellectual biography of the author of the Divine Comedy For all that has been written about the author of the Divine Comedy, Dante Alighieri (1265–1321) remains the best guide to his own life and work. Dante's writings are therefore never far away in this authoritative and comprehensive intellectual biography, which offers a fresh account of the medieval Florentine poet's life and thought before and after his exile in 1302. Beginning with the often violent circumstances of Dante's life, the book examines his successive works as testimony to the course of his passionate humanity: his lyric poetry through to the Vita nova as the great work of his first period; the Convivio, De vulgari eloquentia and the poems of his early years in exile; and the Monarchia and the Commedia as the product of his maturity. Describing as it does a journey of the mind, the book confirms the nature of Dante's undertaking as an exploration of what he himself speaks of as "maturity in the flame of love." The result is an original synthesis of Dante's life and work.

Pope Francis, generally speaking, has thus far chosen to concentrate his papacy on social justice issues, as opposed to doctrinal or liturgical issues. This has led

to Francis being hailed as a hero to many on the left, while it has made some conservative supporters of St. John Paul II and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI disappointed and uncomfortable, even as they love and appreciate his person and gestures of mercy and compassion. Some find his teachings difficult to embrace, especially those concerning business and the economy. Pope Francis has spoken of building bridges as part of what it is to be Christian, but aspects of his message seem to be just constructing walls between the Holy Father and groups of the faithful. *The Business Francis Means* aims to break through these walls, showing that Pope Francis has something to say to all Christians. His message, taken as a whole, keeps us from dividing the “seamless garment” of Christ: he reminds the conservatives of the problems of inequality and poverty, and the liberals that social justice is not enough – the Church is the bride of Christ, not a social institution or an NGO. Monsignor Martin Schlag summarizes and explains the message of Pope Francis on business and the economy in this compact volume. *The Business Francis Means* will be of great interest to the Catholic layperson, especially one involved in political or economic life.

Early in the thirteenth century a young woman named Clare was so moved by the teachings of Francis of Assisi that she renounced her possessions, vowing to live a life of radical poverty. Today Clare is remembered for her relationship with Francis, but her own dedication to poverty and her struggle to gain papal approval for a Franciscan Rule for women is a fascinating story that has not received the attention it deserves. In *The Privilege of Poverty*, Joan Mueller tells this story, and in so doing she reshapes our understanding of early Franciscan history. Clare knew, as did Francis, that she needed a Rule to preserve the “privilege of poverty”—a papal exemption that gave monasteries of women permission not to rely on endowment income. Early Franciscan women gave their dowries to the poor and were as passionately holy and shrewdly political in this choice as were their male counterparts. Mueller shows the crucial role played in this by Agnes of Prague, one of Clare’s closest collaborators. A Bohemian princess who declined an engagement to Emperor Frederick II in order to found a monastery of Poor Ladies in Prague, Agnes capitalized on the papal need for a political alliance with the kingdom of Bohemia to negotiate the privilege of poverty for her monastery and set up a hospital for the poor in Prague. The efforts of Clare and Agnes ultimately paid off, as Pope Innocent IV approved a Franciscan Rule for women with the privilege of poverty at its core on Clare’s deathbed in 1253. Only two years later, Clare was canonized, and the Poor Clares—as they came to be known—continue today as contemplative and active communities devoted to the same ideals that inspired Francis and Clare. *The Privilege of Poverty* not only contributes new insight into Franciscan history but also redefines it. No longer can we view early Franciscanism as primarily a male story. Franciscan women were courted by their brothers and by the papacy for their essential contributions to the early Franciscan movement.

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