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Presentation

The award-winning thesis by Arturo Bellocq Montano was published in 2012 under the title “*La Doctrina Social de la Iglesia. Qué es y que no es*”, Madrid, EDICEP 2012. The study covers the history of the Social Doctrine of the Church from the pontificate of Leo XIII to Benedict XVI. It attempts to identify the key moments in the debate on the scientific nature of this discipline. Teaching, theology and political culture enter into dialogue to raise issues of great theological importance such as the Church’s mission in the world, the specificity of its message on social realities, the contingency of some of its historical judgments, the secularisation of civil life, etc. Of particular interest is the reading that is made of the Magisterium of Benedict XVI starting from his speech to the Roman Curia in 2005.

Biography

Arturo Bellocq Montano was born in Montevideo (Uruguay) on 11.06.1981. In 2003 he graduated in Economics and Commerce at the University of Montevideo. He received a licence in Moral Theology from the Holy Cross Pontifical University in 2009, and a doctorate in Moral Theology in 2012 at the same university with his thesis “*La Doctrina Social de la Iglesia. Qué es y que no es*”. Since 2011 he has been teaching Fundamental Moral Theology at the Holy Cross Pontifical University in Rome. He has been a member of the editorial board of the journal *Annales Theologici* since 2013.