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On the influence of the Social Doctrine of the Church in international relations

Presentation

"*A Living Tradition. The Holy See, Catholic Social Doctrine, and Global Politics, 1965-2000*" is the title of one of the two winning texts in the youth sector, assigned to *Alexander Stummvoll*. He defended his thesis in 2012 at the *European Institute in Florence*. This study examines the influence of the Church's Social Doctrine in international relations. It shows that this Doctrine is necessary but needs further integration to explain the Holy See's diplomatic objectives. To substantiate this, the author has studied four major international problems always commencing with a specific event. He begins with the Vietnam war and examines the Holy See's commitment to peace; starting from the Polish crisis before 1989, he examines the policy of the Holy See regarding communism; from the Cairo and Peking Conferences of 1994 and 1995, he studies the position of the Holy See regarding bioethical matters and with the campaign against indebtedness of the Third World on the occasion of the Jubilee 2000, he has studied the Holy See's criticism of unbridled capitalism.

Biography

A. Alexander Stummvoll was born in 1983 in Austria. He took a degree in International Relations at Aberystwyth University, an MPhil in International Relations at Oxford University (St. Anthony's College), an MRes and a research doctorate in Political and Social Sciences at the European University Institute in Florence. His field of study is research into the Social Doctrine of the Church, the diplomacy of the Holy See in religion and politics and the theory and history of international relations. He has worked at DePaul University, Chicago as Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department for Catholic Studies and as Research Fellow at the Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology. He then became a Postdoctoral Fellow at l'Instituto de Ciencia Política della Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile in Santiago. He is married with one child and lives in Baden-Baden in Germany (Archdiocese of Freiburg), where he works in the local German Parliament.