



Mobilizing Papal History

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The papacy can seem like a static fixture in world history. It is Europe's most enduring political and religious institution, with continuity of activity since at least the third century. And yet the papacy has actually always been more dynamic than we might suppose.

This seminar sketches oscillations in the papacy's focuses and locuses of mobility and how these things have shaped broader changes in its relationship with the Church and wider society as a whole. The present pope is amongst the most mobile ever – a mobility made possible by the progressive re-anchoring of the institution in the Vatican City State since 1870.

The pope's need to perform presence on a global rather than local scale may now reveal something else important: he does not feel able to command the loyalty of Catholics as surely as his predecessors who lived out their lives from a fixed spot.

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