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## CUBA SEMINAR

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND POLITICAL CONFRONTATION IN CUBA

**Robert Portada**

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**WHEN:** Thursday, April 23, 4:00 PM

**WHERE:** The Graduate Center, Skylight Conference Room (9th Floor)  
365 Fifth Avenue (@ 34th Street), New York, NY

In “The Dissident Cross: The Catholic Church and Political Confrontation in Cuba” (Ph.D. Dissertation in Political Science, University of Notre Dame), Dr. Robert Portada studies the evolving political role of the Catholic Church in Cuba and its implications for the development of Cuba’s civil society and the future of Cuban politics. He relies on evidence gathered from extensive fieldwork in Cuba to examine the nature of church-state relations. Set in a comparative perspective, Dr. Portada’s work offers a new approach that distinguishes between strategies of *direct confrontation* and *indirect confrontation* between church and state in contemporary societies.



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