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Dr. Cuda holds both her MA and PhD from the Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina, where she also now teaches. In addition to her teaching, she also serves as a member of the Escuela Social of CEBITEPAL, the Pastoral-Biblical-Theological Center for Latin America, created by the Conference of Latin American Bishops (CELAM); the Escuela Social helps to teach Catholic social doctrine and advise the bishops on responses to challenges such as climate change. Dr. Cuda is also coordinator of the Latin American Council of Social Sciences' "Theology, Ethics, and Politics" research team and the Latin American president of Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church as well as the International Political Science Association for Religion & Politics. She has published numerous journal articles and book chapters, and two of her books include *Catholicism & Democracy in the United States* and *Reading Francis: Theology, Ethics, and Politics* (translation of Spanish titles).

Research Interests

- Political theology, including the topics of labor unions, democracy, and migration
- Populism and theological ethics
- Liberation theology

Research Focus While at CWCIT—"Populism in Today's Theology and Politics"

Taking into account historical precedents, this project examines the link between contemporary theology and politics from the perspective of the new style of democracy known as populism. Questions such as the following will be explored: Will secularism continue to be characteristic of Western politics? Who decides what is true in today's world? What is considered sacred? Is "corruption" the new word for "profanation"?