



# RELIGION AND CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE

THE ROLE OF JOURNALISTS AND THE MEDIA

## PUBLIC FORUM

Featuring panelists from *The Washington Post*, the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, and AU faculty, this forum will consider the journalistic and media treatment of the Pope's recent encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si'*, as a means to better understand the role of religion in public debate and activism on climate change.

SEP 28th, 2015 | Monday | 9AM - 4PM  
American University - SIS Founder's Room

### PANEL 1

What has been the encyclical's influence in predominantly Catholic nations, among prominent Catholic political leaders, and upon socially conservative positions around climate change?

### PANEL 2

How has the encyclical influenced other public discourses and approaches to environmental justice, including secular ones?

### PANEL 3

How does *Laudato Si'* compare to diverse other religious engagements with the environment?

