

OSTS Lecture, Winter 20206, 2nd Term
February 9th to March 16th

Course K ***The Emergence and Evolution of Christian Architecture***

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Descriptor

This course surveys the social and political environment in which the first Christian churches emerged, and how these factors continue to influence the building of churches, influencing their location, size, structure, and style. Participants will explore how theology, technology, liturgy, and politics shaped and continue to shape church architecture.

Outline

- Week 1: Studying Sacred Space and the Emergence of a Christian Architecture
- Week 2: Roman to Romanesque Churches and Monasteries in early Middle Ages
- Week 3: The Rise and Resilience of Gothic Architecture
- Week 4: Rethinking Worship - Renaissance and Reformation Churches
- Week 5: Early Modern Expansion to Measured Post Modernism

Bibliography

Devonshire-Jones, T. (Ed.). (2014). *The Oxford Dictionary of Christian Art and Architecture* (2 ed.). Oxford University Press.

Bio

Vicki Bennett, PhD. Trained in medieval and classical archaeology and has worked on sites Western Europe and Roman North Africa. She is passionate about the learning that built space offers to those who pause to listen.