

# Faith in the Making:

The Evolution of Christian Faith from the Beginnings to the Fifth Century CE



Byzantine fresco from the Church of St. Nicholas of Myra

Christian 'faith' is a unique concept, with meanings including belief, trust, faithfulness, confidence, the body of Christian teaching, the 'eyes of faith', the 'leap of faith', worship, prayer, and Christianity as a whole. But the ancient terms which come to describe faith (*pistis* in Greek, *fides* in Latin) originally have rather different meanings, so how did the concept of Christian faith develop – what shaped its development – and how does understanding its history help us to reflect on the nature of faith today?

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Public lecture hosted by the Department for the Study of Religion.

Reception to follow.



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