Course Description

Throughout history, human beings have constructed buildings that were seen as wonders of creation. While their designers and powerful empires behind these ambitious projects have long vanished, these buildings have survived the test of time. This course guides students to appreciate Western architecture by looking at a few masterpieces and the background of their creation through lecturing, video screening, and group discussion.

Topics

1. Greek Temples
2. Roman Architecture
3. Gothic Churches
4. Renaissance Churches
5. Villas and Palaces
6. American Skyscrapers
7. Museum Buildings

Grading Scheme

- In-class participation (40%)
- Final Exam (60%)

[Topics and grading schemes are subject to change as deemed appropriate. Students will receive information and guidelines in class on how they will be assessed for the course.]

Instructor

Dr. Anna KWONG

Dr. Anna Kwong was trained as an art historian in Italy and Austria. She has been teaching various courses on Western art and architecture at HKUST for some years. Parallel to her teaching work, Dr. Kwong is the Program Director of the HKUST Center for the Arts. She has been offering SISP 1701 since 2011, sharing her knowledge on Western architecture to high school students.