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Byzantine Studies

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Byzantine Aesthetics and Christian Ideology

Karahan is a senior scholar. Her research focuses on the relation between Byzantine aesthetics and patristicism. Her hypothesis is that the specificity of Byzantine aesthetics relate to the Fathers' definitions on Trinitarian theology and Christology. Byzantine holy images demonstrate a reality underpinned by theological significance. Christ and the saints are in interplay with artistic devices, so-called meta-images. The meta-image is a kind of emblematic non-identification, or non-categorization of Christian Orthodox belief in the incomprehensibility of God's divinity.

Refreshments are served after the lecture