

March's monthly meeting

In March we were pleased to have Dr Stefano Cracolici, Associate Professor (Reader) in Durham University's School of Modern Languages and Cultures to talk about the new Zurbaran Centre for Spanish and Latin American Art. The Centre forms part of the University's partnership with The Auckland Project and will connect Durham's academic research to displays at the Project's Spanish Gallery. The centre will also provide opportunities for students, fellows and public engagement.

Dr Cracolici had prepared a fascinating visual tour of the Zurbaran Centre's most stunning works. Unfortunately, our technology failed us, and members will have experienced some frustration. The problem was that Dr Cracolici had prepared a presentation on his Apple software that was not compatible with our system. Dr Cracolici was both highly professional and very gracious as we struggled to solve the problem. Hats off to him! When eventually the glitch was resolved there was a visual treat, contextualised beautifully, and a foretaste of what we will be able to access when the gallery opens in Bishop later this year. The vote of thanks was given by Roger Stanyon.

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