Transgression and Liminality in Iberian and Latin American Art: Emerging Researchers’ Symposium, Durham University, 7 and 8 July 2022

Durham University’s Zurbarán Centre for Spanish and Latin American Art invites doctoral students to submit proposals for presentations at the centre’s second Emerging Researchers Symposium, taking place at Durham University on 7 and 8 July. The aim of the event is to stimulate engaging and interdisciplinary conversations amongst international postgraduate students engaged with Hispanic art and visual culture. It offers an opportunity for participants to discuss their work-in-progress projects, to receive feedback from others, to learn about new research by their fellow researchers, and to hear leading keynotes by established scholars or curators. The event will also offer opportunities to explore the significant holdings of Spanish art in County Durham.

We welcome proposals for 20-minute presentations focusing on the theme of ‘Transgression and Liminality’. Proposals may relate to any aspects and periods of Iberian and Latin American art and visual culture. Possible topics may include (but are not limited to):

- Borders and Borderlands: Geopolitical encounters
- Transgressing Societal and Religious Boundaries
- Invading the Borders of the Mind and the Body
- Trespassing and Bounding Artistic Movements and Techniques
- Liminality and Polemics in Artistic Thought and Reception

Organised by Durham University doctoral students, the symposium will be held as a hybrid event in Durham for in-person and virtual attendees. We encourage speakers to attend the event in person, rather than online, in order to maximise intellectual exchange and networking and to enable visits to local collections, in particular The Spanish Gallery in Bishop Auckland and/or the Bowes Museum.

Please send a 250-word abstract and a 50-word biography to pg.zurbarancentre@durham.ac.uk by Thursday 10th March 2022. Please indicate whether you intend to attend the symposium in person or remotely. If you have any queries regarding the submission process, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us using the email provided.