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Programme

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Opening remarks on the history of collecting Spanish Decorative Arts by medium

- *Collecting, Display & Dissemination: the changing face of the decorative arts collection at South Kensington (1852-1873)*,
Dr Susanna Avery-Quash (Senior Research Curator, History of Collecting, National Gallery)
- Ceramics: Lusterware:
 - M. Rosser-Owen (Asian Department, V&A): *Collecting Spanish lustreware by the Victoria and Albert Museum*
 - Jaume Coll (Museo Nacional de Cerámica, Valencia): *A survey and history of collecting Spanish Decorative Arts: Lusterware.*
- Textiles:
 - Ana Cabrera (Marie S.-Curie Fellow, V&A): *Following the thread: collecting Spanish textiles at the Victoria and Albert Museum Spanish case*
 - Silvia Carbonell (Centro de Documentación Museo Textil, Tarrasa): *Textile collecting in Catalonia*
- Silver:
 - Kirstin Kennedy (Metalwork Department, V&A): *The Scholar, the scoundrel and the skater: How the V&A collections of Hispanic silver were formed*
 - Jesús Rivas (Universidad de Murcia): *Collecting Spanish silverwork*

- Furniture:
 - Nick Humphrey (Furniture, Textiles and Fashion department, V&A): *Collecting Spanish Furniture, Woodwork and Leatherwork, 1850-1950*
 - Sofía Rodríguez (Museo Nacional de Artes Decorativas, Madrid): *Collecting Spanish Furniture in Madrid (1880-1920)*
- Sculpture and Plaster Cast:
 - Xavier Bray (Wallace Collection): *A Vogue for St Francis*
 - Holly Trusted (Sculpture Department, V&A): *Spanish Monuments Displayed at South Kensington: Raising the profile of Spanish Art through Plaster Casts*
 - María Bolaños (Museo Nacional de Escultura, Valladolid): *Electrical treasures: the Decorative Arts collection from Antiquity at the Museo Nacional de Reproducciones (1881-1915)*
- Fashion:
 - Oriole Cullen (Furniture, Textiles and Fashion Department, V&A): *Fashion and Spain at the Victoria and Albert Museum*
 - Helena López del Hierro (Museo del Traje, Madrid): *From Dress to Fashion: the collection of The Museo del Traje*

Displaying, interpreting and conserving collections of Spanish decorative arts

- *Displaying Decorative Arts in Britain and Spain. A Comparative Analysis*
Isabel Rodríguez (Museo Nacional de Artes Decorativas, Madrid)
- *20th century Galleries at the V&A*
Corinna Gardner and Johanna Agerman Ross (Design, Architecture and Digital, V&A)
- *Spain in the Europe 1600-1815 Galleries*
Lesley Miller (Furniture, Textiles and Fashion, V&A)
- The Conservation of the Cast Courts. New discoveries on the Spanish Casts
Victor Borges (Conservation Department, V&A)
- Closing speaker: *In the Shadow of Louis-Philippe: Building a Spanish Gallery in County Durham*
Dr Edward Payne (Head Curator: Spanish Art, Auckland Castle)

Closing remarks: Joanna Norman, Head of the Victoria and Albert Research Institute (VARI)