La Rambla attack memorial & the MUHBA intervention

Collecting, documenting and archiving the memorial of the 2017 August, 17th attack in Barcelona
Barcelona “La Rambla” August 17th 2017. 16 persons killed. More than 100 injured. Victims from 34 different countries”

August 18th 2017. Police reopens “La Rambla”. Immediately, people start bringing their memorial objects
150 Memorial spots all along 500m, from large ensembles to single items
Collecting logistics: seven departments of the municipality coordinated
The MUHBA archive source: great quantity and diversity of objects

Predominant memorialistic forms:

Candles: **29 m³**, recycled

Flowers (natural and dry) **2730 Kg**, recycled

Ephemeral writings (on ground, on trees), documented

4654 written documents, to the Archive

7838 objects, to MUHBA
Field documentation: Datasheets and cartography
Inventory and storage: a database to manage and to study
The MUHBA archive is formed by 7838 objects
Every object is registered and photographed

The meaning of the objects: subjectivity in the archive formation

-Victim related objects: pictures, family and friend messages, specific items

-Unique objects

-Serialized and mass sold objects:

-“Senseless” objects
Long term access: victims, general public and specialists

Collecting affects the memorials: objects crafted to be displayed. Spontaneity?

Media coverage: overreacted and oversized?
Future uses: the objects role for explaining the tragedies
Barcelona “La Rambla” August 18th 2018. One year after
Thank you for your attention

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