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## THE BOMBINGS OF BARCELONA AND LONDON MEMORIES OF A SHARED HISTORY

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM - LAMBETH ROAD, LONDON - MAY 23, 2017



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### ELS BOMBARDEJOS DE BARCELONA I LONDRES MEMÒRIA D'UNA HISTÒRIA COMPARTIDA

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## THE BOMBINGS OF BARCELONA AND LONDON

Memories of a shared history  
London, 23 May 2017

Barcelona and London experienced during the first half of the twentieth century the consequences of bombing from the air. Both the authorities and citizens of the two cities mobilized to protect themselves and their homes from these attacks. However, thousands of people died beneath the bombs.

In the framework of the 80th anniversary of the Spanish Civil War and the bombings of Barcelona, the European Observatory on Memories (EUROM) and the Public Diplomacy Council of Catalonia (DIPLOCAT) organize a seminar in collaboration with the Centre for Research in Memory, Narrative and History of the University of Brighton at the Imperial War Museum in London. The symposium aims to explain and disseminate the shared experiences of Catalonia and the United Kingdom under fascist bombardments. It is also an invitation to discuss about the present-day remembrance policies on those attacks on peace and democracy.

## ELS BOMBARDEJOS de BARCELONA I LONDRES

Memòria d'una història compartida  
Londres, 23 de maig de 2017

*Barcelona i Londres van experimentar durant la primera meitat del segle XX les conseqüències dels bombardeigs aeris. Les autoritats i la ciutadania d'ambdues ciutats es van mobilitzar per a protegir-se dels atacs amb organització, solidaritat i resiliència. Malgrat tot, milers de persones van morir a causa de les bombes.*

*En ocasió del 80è aniversari de la Guerra civil i dels bombardejos a la ciutat de Barcelona, l'Observatori Europeu de Memòries (EUROM) i el Consell de Diplomàcia Pública de Catalunya (DIPLOCAT), amb la col·laboració del Centre for Research in Memory Narrative and History (University of Brighton), organitzen una jornada de difusió i commemoració a Londres. L'objectiu és difondre l'experiència compartida entre Catalunya i la Gran Bretanya sota les bombes feixistes. Durant l'acte es tractarà la sensibilitat dels governs actuals vers les polítiques de memòria envers aquests atacs a la pau i la democràcia.*

# PROGRAMME

- 9.30h **Welcoming and opening addresses by authorities and organizers**
- **Albert Royo**, Secretary General, Public Diplomacy Council of Catalonia.
  - **Marina Falcó**, Director General on External Relations of the Catalan Government.
  - **Jordi Guixé**, Director European Observatory on Memories.
- 10.00h Keynote speech **“The Bomber Will Always Get Through”**
- **Antony Beevor**, writer and historian visiting professor at the University of Kent, fellow professor at King’s College London.
- 10.45h Coffee break
- 11.00h **80 years after the fascist bombings of Catalonia.** Chaired by **Chris Bambery**, former Public Point of Contact for the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) of the British Parliament on Catalonia.
- **Mireia Boya**, Member of the Catalan Parliament.
  - **Joan Josep Nuet**, Member of the Catalan Parliament.
  - **Montserrat Palau**, Member of the Catalan Parliament.
- 12.15h Lunch
- 13.30h **The bombardments of London and Barcelona.** Chaired by **Oriol López**, coordinator, European Observatory on Memories.
- **Gabriel Moshenska**. Senior Lecturer in Public Archaeology, London’s Global University.
  - **Ramon Arnabat**. Ideologies and society in contemporary Catalonia (ISOCAC), Universitat Rovira i Virgili.
- 15.00h **Lessons from Barcelona. The interest of the British government in the Catalan air-raid defence.** **Jordi Pons**, historian.
- 15.20h Screening of **“Ramon Perera, the man who saved Barcelona”**, a documentary by Montse Armengou and Ricard Belis (Televisió de Catalunya).
- 16.30h Closing session
- **Josep Mayoral**, Mayor of Granollers and Member of Mayors for Peace
- 17.00h End of conference

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