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**A SHOE, A BROKEN WATCH AND MARBLES – HOW
OBJECTS SHAPE OUR MEMORY AND OUR FUTURE**

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Personal items of the missing/killed found at the sites of mass atrocities are often understood as the last tangible link with the absent person. I call such objects 'Desire Objects' (DOs) - not in the sense of commodities, where a desire to acquire objects stands against the ability to purchase - but because those objects instigate emotional responses that reflect *different sorts of desires* regarding the loved ones: that they might come back from the dead; that their memory may be prolonged in the face of their unjust death; that some sense can be made of it, and that we may come to peace with their violent passing. The logic of how and why the DOs are kept privately or donated, then preserved individually or publicly, collected, displayed, left to decay or destroyed, or, in fact, transformed into political symbols, is often obscured or taken for granted. The research asks why a muddy shoe or a child's marble, recovered from the sites of atrocities, are different from any other muddy shoe or child's marble.

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