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# Dialogues and Lectures on Exhibitions

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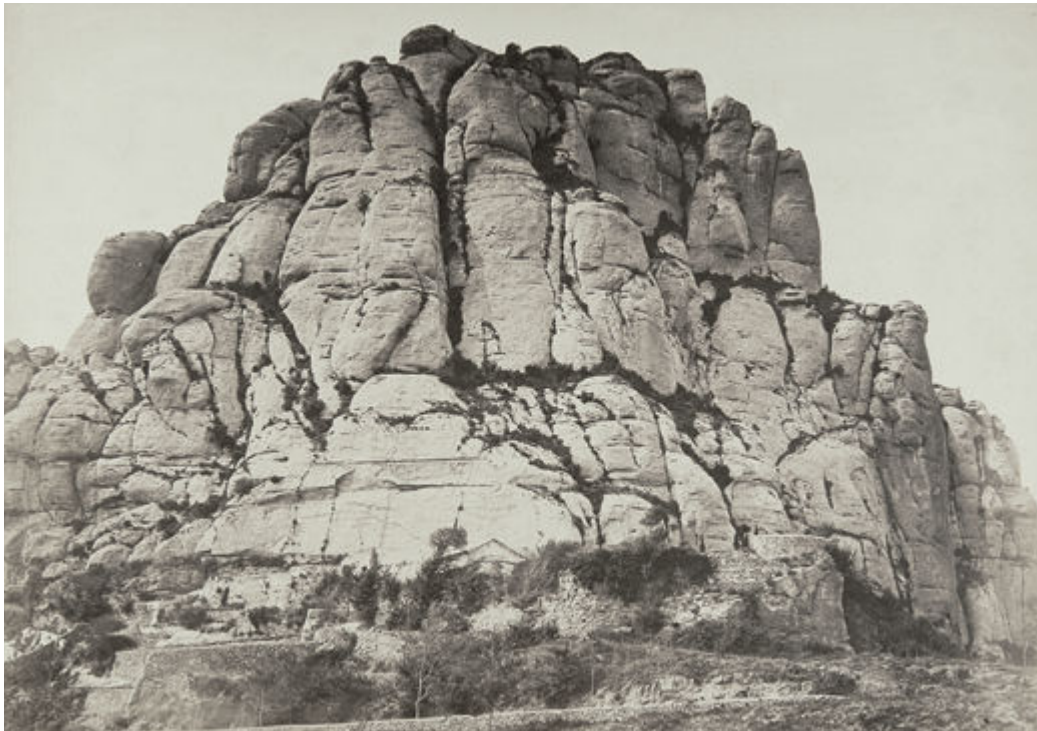
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## Jep Martí Baiget

### *Jules Ainaud, “A photographer who admired beauty”*



Montserrat (Barcelona). La penya del Diable, September 1871. Arxiu Fotogràfic de Barcelona

Date  
**June 7**

Time  
**7 p.m.**

Face-to-face and online

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To mark the opening of the exhibition *Jules Ainaud's Catalonia (1871-1872)* at the KBr and to celebrate International Archives Week, curator Jep Martí Baiget will be giving a talk on this exhibition, which brings together the photographs that Jules Ainaud (Lunel, France, 1837– Barcelona, 1900) took during a two-year trip around Catalonia, commissioned by the commercial photography firm J. Laurent (established in Madrid in 1856 but with employees throughout mainland Spain), to photograph various places of artistic interest.

These images had always been attributed to Laurent, but we now know that they were taken by Ainaud.

Ainaud's report offers views of diverse spots around Catalonia, including the monasteries of Poblet and Santes Creus, the mountain of Montserrat, landscapes of the Ebro, Barcelona, Tarragona... a total of more than 300 shots, in some of which we can appreciate a more personal character despite the fact that they respond, as a whole, to the parameters of the commission.

Jep Martí Baiget will describe certain aspects of the research process he conducted on Ainaud in the archives, and will then focus on the photographer himself and explain the key aspects of the exhibition.

Director of the Municipal Archive of Valls between 1986 and 2019, **Jep Martí Baiget** (Cervià de les Garrigues, 1955) has spent decades dedicated to researching the history of photography, faced with the need to understand and correctly manage the photographic collections preserved in local archives, bearing in mind the abstraction and preservation of private photographic collections. With a degree in Philosophy from the University of Barcelona and a Master's in Archival Science from Rovira i Virgili University, Martí Baiget is also the author of numerous publications and a founding member of the Fotoconnexió association.

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