THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES PARK

Minerva project – Park UB

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DEFINITION OF THE PROJECT

• The Park of Humanities and Social Sciences → Minerva Project – Park UB
• University of Barcelona’s Strategic Plan for promoting the humanities and social sciences: inclusion of many perspectives and interests
• Reflection of the current governing team’s scientific and humanistic vision for the University of Barcelona
• A broad, ambitious vision in which the UB and its structures act as one of the chief driving forces in the city of Barcelona and the metropolitan area, a benchmark in the Mediterranean area and southern Europe in terms of economic impetus, cultural vitality and social welfare
• Connecting with the European agenda:
  – Focusing of the Horizon 2020 plan and the EU’s transversal programmes to fund research
  – European University Association (EUA) → close ties to lines of work being pursued on the topics of heritage and culture by the League of European Research Universities (LERU), and the Culture Arts and Humanities Task force of the Coimbra Universities Group.
LOCALIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

• A refurbished pair of former industrial buildings (dating back to nineteenth century) in the 22@ innovation district (Poblenou neighborhood of Barcelona): Can Jaumandreu and Can Ricart

• Connecting the Park with the 22@ innovation district;
  – Participating in the already existing concentration of cultural production and activities on offer, exploiting the competitiveness of the established industry
  – Seeking to have a real impact on research, knowledge transfer, and scientific and technical activities
CENTRES OF THE UB AT THE 22@ DISTRICT
A new knowledge triangle

Can Jaumandreu
First site of the Park
3,170 m²

Can Ricart
Future site of the Park, being refurbished
6,780 m²

Can Canela IL3
Institute for Lifelong Learning
Located since 1996
5,197 m²

TOTAL 15,147 m²
PREVIOUS STEPS: FIXING THE PROJECT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CITY COUNCIL

- **2009**: Birth of the proposal and beginning of the conversations with the municipal authorities and the rest of involved actors

- **2013-2014**: Definition of the project and creation of the Commissioner for the Humanities and Social Sciences Park and the scientific support to SSH

- **November 2014**: Approval by the competent municipal commission

- **February 2015**: Signing of the agreement for the use of the buildings

- **June 2015**: Opening of the first spaces in Can Jaumandreu
SPACES AND FUNCTIONS

CAN JAUMANDREU

Working since June 2015

- Park offices (Direction and administration)
- Digitalization Center
- First spaces for seminars and dissemination activities, for both the academic and citizen publics

To develop in 2016 and 2017

- Sound and image technologies: academic purposes and productions with external partners
- Spaces for museological and creative experimentation
- Pilot research and innovation projects seeking social impact
CAn Jaumandreu
Present
SPACES AND FUNCTIONS

CAN RICART

*Developing now, first spaces opening in 2017*

- Documentation Centre of the University of Barcelona: graphic and audiovisual archives, rare book and manuscript library, book restoration service, audiovisual services, in connection with the digitalization center

- Specific spaces and services for UB researchers and companies or institutions involved in the Park projects
CAN RICART: THE NEAR FUTURE
A YEAR OF ACTIVITY

ACTIVITIES DEVELOPED AT CAN JAUMANDREU since its opening in June 2015

• 2 One-day Conferences for SSH researchers and stakeholders
• 4 open round-table talks concerning the latest issues in the public debate
• 2 Exhibitions, 1 of them having over 400 visitors and generating complementary activities
• 2 short courses, for groups of 25 and 10 people
• 10 innovative events and institutional meetings, 1 of them having 220 attendants
• Presentation of the 1st volume of Impacts, the specific book collection of the SSH Park
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4 OPEN ROUND-TABLE TALKS ORGANIZED, AND MORE ACTIVITIES TO COME

• Round table *The refugee crisis debate: between Asylum right and hosting*

• Series of 3 round-tables, titled *Europe facing the challenge of jihadist terrorism:*

  1. *Freedom and security. The best binomial*
  2. *Religion and the limits of identity*
  3. *Education as a way to prevent extremisms*
Conference: "Humanities and social sciences: innovation, business and society"

- Conference to debate on SSH transfer knowledge, coorganized with the UB Bosch i Gimpera Foundation (knowledge transfer oriented foundation) for investigators and research groups
- Speakers from different entities
- Over 100 participants
ANGULAR CAMP

- Meeting of program developers, using ANGULARJS code, created by Google
- Initiative of the Barcelona community Angular Beers, aiming to democratize technology
- SSH Park bet for innovation, technology and young professionals
- Over 220 attendants from different countries.
EXPRIMENTAL PERFORMING ARTS

1ST WORSHOP FROM “EPICA” PROJECT BY “LA FURA DELS BAUS”

• “La Fura dels Baus”, an experimental performing arts company with strong background, is preparing “Epica”, a multidisciplinary learning environment.

• 1st Workshop “On memory” at the Park as a pilot initiative
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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