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Abstract
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Keywords
Mexico, collective memory, collective action, testimony, violence, social movement

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Through narratives and images, this project makes visible the reality of nostalgia; a reality which thousands of families and communities are confronting within the country, after dealing with violent episodes in the places where they lived.