

[Collective Memory & Oral tradition: Explorations and Interpretations](#)

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Type:

Conference

Date:

July 20, 2022 to July 21, 2022

Location:

Netherlands

Subject Fields:

Local History, Oral History, Social History / Studies, Area Studies

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International Conference

20-21 July 2022

(Zoom sessions:2 days-Virtual platform:5 days)

Thematic Approach

GIRES is committed to creating a welcoming space for discussion, collaboration, and exploration of oral history's potential as a tool for local, national, and international projects that would enrich and even revise chapters of history.

Our new international conference seeks to promote the importance of oral history as a valuable and unique source of information. For decades, oral history was considered less than scholarly, leading to its exclusion from several history books; thus valuable first-hand experiences and information that could alter historical truth were neglected and ultimately lost to oblivion. We wish to challenge the pervading view that oral testimony can lead to false representation of historical events; and underline the significant support they can provide to historical research, especially in lieu of written documentation.

We also hope to focus on the connections between oral history, collective memory, and individual memory. Whether from a historical, social, or even psychological approach we wish to engage scholars in a multidimensional and interdisciplinary approach in order to deeply explore all aspects of this valuable and fascinating discipline.

We invite scholars from different fields including history, philosophy, religion, sociology, international relations, literature, art, space studies, peace studies, cultural studies, minority studies, war and/or genocide studies, journalism, immigration studies, psychology and psychiatry, political and social studies, and those working in archives, museums and NGOs.

Proposed Topics

-Oral history throughout history

- Oral historian: a public historian? Oral history as a form of social and communal activity;
- Conducting oral history research: Methodologies and techniques
- Re-examining and re-writing history through the lens of oral history
- Epistemological and ethical dilemmas in oral history
- Collective/Individual memory and oral tradition
- Manipulation of memory and the role of oral history
- Oral history and trauma
- Oral history as a tool of revealing/reliving a dictatorship/suppressing regime
- Altering, exaggerating or forgetting memories; the psychology of a survivor
- Oral history in teaching and teaching oral history

Proposed Formats (Lingua franca: English)

- Individual papers (GIREs will include it in a panel)
- Panels (up to 4 presentations-chaired by one of the presenters or appointed by GIREs)
- Roundtable presentations (chaired by one of the presenters or appointed by GIREs)
- Poster presentations
- Student presentations (one paper presented by up to 3 young scholars)
- Keynote speech (depending on the time availability)
- Pre-recorder presentation (s) (Asynchronous Platform)
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Publication Opportunity

The Organizing Committee and GIREs Press will publish the most powerful and dynamic presentations of the conference and include them in a collective volume in the form of short articles and/or long essays. For more information please [contact us](#)

Live Sessions & Recording

All speakers are offered up to 30 minutes to present their work. All speakers have the option to have their presentations recorded (during live sessions) in HD quality. The recordings will be uploaded to GIREs media for unlimited access and dissemination.

Asynchronous Options

All participants have the option to have their presentations (video/audio/text) uploaded to our Virtual Platform. All registered participants will have access to the material for 5 days.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION (Please use our online application form found in the conference's [webpage](#))

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: July 12, 2022

ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION: July 15, 2022

PUBLICATION: GIREs PRESS

ACCREDITATION: Official Certificate Issued by GIREs

Generating dialogue is of primary importance for our scholarly community and thus GIRES wishes to create a friendly and welcoming environment for all of our colleagues and offer all the tools to present their work in the best possible way.

*Our proposed topics & formats are not restrictive and we invite additional germane ideas
Due to the restrictions of Corona Crisis our event (for the time being) will take place virtually*

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