

## Mastering Oral History:A Concise Guide

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Type:

Workshop

Date:

February 6, 2023 to February 27, 2023

Location:

Netherlands

Subject Fields:

Oral History, Contemporary History, Cultural History / Studies, Ethnic History / Studies, Historic Preservation

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International Workshop

**6 February-8 February**  
**20 February-22 February**  
**27 February**  
**2023**

Same workshop, different dates

(Please choose the day of your preference at the end of the page at: "Registration")

Each day, there will be two groups (same workshop, different time).

**Group 1: 10:00 am Amsterdam time (UTC +1)** for participants from Europe, Africa, Asia & Australia

**Group 2: 19.00 pm Amsterdam time (UTC +1)** for participants from the American continent  
Find your timezone [here](#)

*(Participants may choose to attend either of the groups; timezones are set for convenience and they are not restrictive)*

Course Facilitator: [Konstantinos D. Karatzas](#), Ph.D

#### The Idea

GIREs, the Global Institute for Research, Education and Scholarship and the [Oral History & Digital Humanities Academy \(ODA\)](#), committed to support the endeavors of global scholarly community, offer the workshop for those who wish to explore the fascinating discipline of Oral History. We are honored that the last years hundreds of scholars, professionals and enthusiast have trusted GIREs for advancing their knowledge and skills. Oral history is a highly significant source of information and in GIREs we believe in the power of personal testimonies and that we ought to understand, explore, respect and preserve history. Local history and oral testimonies can have a great magnitude and affect our understanding of the past. Global history is shaped by such clusters of information;

personal stories can offer clear view of past events, describe a forgotten reality and even help us re-write history. Despite if we consider such information important, oral history can be instrumental in the formation of collective memory and the shaping of national identities.

### **The Aim**

Our workshop offers a step-by-step guide that will help you find your way through the maze of an oral history project. During the workshop you will learn about the essential tools and actions so you organize, manage and lead a successful project. We designed the workshop in a dynamic way so it can be beneficial for all participants despite their experience in such a field. Students, young scholars independent researchers and history, culture and tradition enthusiasts are welcome in the friendly GIRES environment.

### **The Outcome**

Participants will improve their academic skills, introduce oral history in their work, engage with oral tradition and also record and preserve unwritten stories in a professional way. During the workshop we will explore all the techniques an oral historian uses and we will cover all the steps from beginning to the end of project. A substantial part of our workshop is dedicated to discussing your personal projects and through our Q&A you will find all the useful information that will improve your work. With more than 2,500 interviews in four countries (United States, Canada, Greece and Spain) our facilitator, will share his experiences and advice and through the dialogue he will try to answer all your questions. We hope that our workshop we will help you create the project of your dreams!

### **Thematics**

- Framing a Project
- Organizing and Preparing
- Interviewing Techniques
- Essential Equipment and Software
- Voice and Video Recording
- Documentation and Legal aspects
- Interviewer and Interviewee: Setting the Outline
- Note Taking and Interview Basics
- Transcription, Indexing and Citing Oral History
- Preserving and Protecting Material
- Disseminate your Project- Blogging and Sharing
- Oral History in Scholarly Projects- Dos and Don'ts
- Oral History in Education & its Role in Memory Preservation

\*\* Access credentials will be provided to registered participants one day prior the workshop, noon (dutch time)\*\*

\*\* After the session, all participants will be provided with the relevant material presented during the workshop via GIRES' Asynchronous Platform that will remain open and accessible for 5 days\*\*

\*\*Due to the restrictions of Corona Crisis our event (for the time being) will take place virtually

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: One day prior the workshop(s)

TYPES OF REGISTRATION: Early Bird and Regular. Check webstie for early-bird registration

ACCREDITATION: Official Certificate Issued by GIRES

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**RELATED WORKSHOP (Various dates in February 2023)**

**Oral History Training-Mastering the Interview:Techniques and Methods**

A step-by-step training in remote and in-person interviewing techniques

More information [HERE](#)

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