Mastering Oral History: A Concise Guide

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International Workshop
19 March 2022

There will be two groups (same workshop, different time)
**Group 1**: 11:00 a.m. Amsterdam time (+UTC 2) for participants from Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia
**Group 2**: 19.00 p.m. Amsterdam time (+UTC 2) for participants from the American continent
Find your timezone [here](#)

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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 a new workshop for those who wish to explore the fascinating discipline of oral history. 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 can 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 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
- Disseminating your Project: Blogging and Sharing
- Oral History in Scholarly Projects: Dos and Don’ts
- Oral History in Education and its Role in Memory Preservation

**After the session, all participants will be provided with the relevant material presented during the workshop via GIRES’ Asynchronous Platform**

**Due to the restrictions of the pandemic, the workshop will take place virtually.**

**USEFUL INFORMATION:**
Deadline for registration: 18 March 2022
Duration: 4 hours (including breaks and discussion)
Format: Live online session and asynchronous to re-visit the material and course
Registration: Early bird until 14 March
Accreditation: GIRES certificate

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RELATED WORKSHOP (March 20)
Advanced 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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