Oral History Collective: Seminar Series

Anisa Puri

Australian Generations: Creating A Digital Oral History Archive

Tuesday 26 June 2018, 16.30-18.00
Armstrong Building: Room 2.49

The Australian Generations Oral History Project was a large and ambitious project that recorded 300 life story interviews with people living across Australia, who were born between 1920 and 1989. The project was conducted from 2011-2015 and was led by historians at Monash and La Trobe Universities, in partnership with the National Library of Australia and Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)’s Radio National.

In this talk, Anisa Puri will reflect on managing this nation-wide project. She will outline the project’s processes and use of digital tools such as Zotero, consider how the project managed ethical issues, share other lessons learnt, and review efforts to facilitate engagement with this vast archive that contains 1221 hours of audio.

Anisa Puri is a PhD candidate in Historical Studies at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, and the co-author of Australian Lives: An Intimate History (with Alistair Thomson). She is the current President of Oral History New South Wales.

This Seminar Series brings leading figures in the field of oral history to Newcastle to discuss their work and the ideas that inform it. Each event aims to provide a thought-provoking forum for conversation and debate. Whatever your experience or interest in oral history, we will be pleased to see you there.