**‘Memory:  Migration, Reconciliation and the Emotions’**

**Australian Memory Research Network Meeting**

**4 – 5 September 2015, University of Melbourne**

The second meeting of the **Australian Memory Research Network** will include a PhD masterclass, a streamed symposium on memory studies with a focus on i) **Migration** ii) **Reconciliation** and iii) the **Emotions**, and a half-day round-table of our network to continue brainstorming of projects and future plans. There will be a Keynote Address by **Amal Treacher-Kabesh** (Nottingham University)

* The three streams (Migration; Reconciliation; and the Emotions) provide opportunities for focused discussion on key topics within memory research. To aid discussion, we invite **short talks** (max 15 minutes) related to one of these streams. These might focus on a current/recent research project or on theoretical and/or methodological approaches to these themes. If you'd like to offer a short talk, please send a title and very short abstract (100 words max) to: Hannah Loney loneyh@unimelb.edu.au

The PhD Masterclass will be on the topic of Memory and Methods

* Memory Studies has fast developed as an interdisciplinary field with many possible objects and methods of study. This workshop will give ECRs and PhD students working in any Humanities or Social Science area of the field an opportunity to discuss issues related to their objects and methods of study. The workshop will focus on two different forms and modes of memory transmission and representation.

Susannah Radstone will introduce discussion on researching cultural texts including film and literature.

Paula Hamilton will reflect on researching personal and autobiograpical memory through oral histories and family stories.

Optional Reading

For those interested in oral history:

Lynn Abrams 'Memory as both a source and subject of study; the transformation of oral history' in Stefan Berger and Bill Niven (eds) *Writing the History of Memory*. Bloomsbury, 2014.

For those interested in cultural texts

Susannah Radstone (2013) ‘ “The Place Where we Live”: Memory, Mirrors and *The Secret River*’, Memory Studies 6: 3 286-298.

Professor Paula Hamilton (UTS) is a leading scholar in oral history and the study of cultural history and memory. Her latest work has centred on sensory memories, especially sound and smell.

Professor Susannah Radstone (UniSA) is a leading scholar of cultural memory. Publications include (ed) *Memory and Methodology* (2000) (co-ed) *Memory: Histories, Theories, Debates* (2010), *The Sexual Politics of Time* (2007). Her current research project is a critique of theories of memory and trauma.

To register for this master class please email Hannah Loney loneyh@unimelb.edu.au including a 100 word summary of your current PhD or project and for PhD students, your year of study.

A draft schedule for the event is as follows:

**Friday 4 September**

Morning: PhD masterclass

Afternoon: Keynote and streamed symposium followed by dinner in Melbourne

**Saturday 5 September**

Morning: The Australian Memory Research Network round-table (ending around lunchtime for early afternoon flights home).

We very much hope to welcome you to Melbourne in September. **Please let us know via Hannah Loney as soon as possible if you are able to attend so that we can get a sense of numbers.**

Further details and a more detailed program will be circulated soon.

All best wishes,

Susannah Radstone, Kate Darian-Smith and Felicity Collins.

We are delighted that the migration stream is to be held under the auspices of the **Hawke EU Centre for Migrations, Mobilities and Cultural Transformations** (Hawke Research Institute, University of South Australia) which has generously funded our keynote speaker's attendance. Support for the meeting has been provided by the School of Historical and Philosophical Studies at the University of Melbourne.