

## News and Events

*This section features events, initiatives, activities, and news related to the world of oral sources. The events are curated based on proposals and are not intended to offer a comprehensive overview.*

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- **Survey: H2IOSC WP2 Landscaping Questionnaire**

*Link:* <https://survey.cnr.it/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=825638&lang=it>

This questionnaire, created by the Work Package 2 team of the PNRR-IR H2IOSC project (<https://www.h2iosc.cnr.it/>), aims to gain a deeper understanding of, and engage with, the communities in the humanities, social sciences, and cultural heritage. It targets all scholars, including students, researchers, professors, and experts in these fields. The focus is on exploring how they use and create data resources, technologies, software, and services in their research, their familiarity with research infrastructures, their training needs and desires, and their publication habits.

- **Survey: Oral Archives at Italian Public Universities**

*Link:* <https://csc.dei.unipd.it/roads-project/census.html>

The survey – concluded on October 15, 2024 – is part of the Prin 2022 ROADS project. It aims to identify oral archives at Italian public universities, focusing on sociolinguistics, dialectology, and oral history, with the goal of providing a valuable resource for researchers while enhancing the visibility and preservation of these archives. Although the public review has concluded, the academic community is still invited to submit any missing archives or projects by contacting the project coordinators ([prin2022-progettoroads@unisi.it](mailto:prin2022-progettoroads@unisi.it)). The results have been presented in the autumn 2024 and made available on CLARIN-IT and through the General Archives Directorate to ensure long-term preservation and visibility.

- **Conference: Fonti orali: archivi e riuso. La Resistenza in Italia**

*11 December 2024, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Modena (Italy)*

*Link:* <https://www.aisoitalia.org/fonti-orali-archivi-e-riuso-modena-11-dicembre-2024/>

The conference aims to explore the treatment, dissemination, and reuse of oral history sources, with a focus on their role in Resistance historiography and public history. Organized by the Modena Historical Institute, it presents significant national projects and theoretical reflections on oral sources. The event also examines the public, educational, and digital uses of oral testimonies related to the Resistance from 1943 to 1945.

- **Seminar: V Giornata di Studi sulle Fonti Orali**

28 October 2024, University of Siena – Arezzo Campus, Arezzo (Italy)

Link: [https://campusarezzo.unisi.it/wp-content/uploads/sites/141/2024/10/Locandina\\_Giornata\\_finale2-1.pdf](https://campusarezzo.unisi.it/wp-content/uploads/sites/141/2024/10/Locandina_Giornata_finale2-1.pdf)

The event brings together scholars, archivists, curators, and individuals involved in various capacities in the field of oral sources. During the event, the activities of the new coordination of the *Tavolo permanente per le fonti orali* are presented, and there are opportunities for discussion based on the latest research initiatives, dissemination efforts, and the development of oral archives.

- **Conference: Memories of deinstitutionalization in Italy. Oral testimony, subjectivity and public narratives of liberation from the asylum (from the 1960s to the present day)**

10-11 October 2024, University of Turin, Turin (Italy)

Link: <https://www.aisoitalia.org/convegno-internazionale-10-11-ottobre-2024-torino-memorie-deistituzionalizzazione-italia/>

The conference focuses on memories and narratives around the practices of deinstitutionalization in Italy. It aims to discuss the genesis and forms of the individual stories and personal accounts of the asylum collected and used from the 1960s to the present, highlighting the connotations of gender, geography, chronology, circulation, reception and intergenerational transmission. The conference is part of the PRIN 2022 *Narration and care. The deinstitutionalization of the psychiatric system in Italy: history, imagery, projects (from 1961 to the present)*, organized by the Universities of Cagliari, Turin, and Pisa.

- **Conference: Language Documentation and Archiving**

4-6 September 2024, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences, Berlin (Germany)

Link: <https://langdoc.org/>

The conference brings together scholars from around the world to discuss issues related to linguistic documentation, with a particular focus on Indigenous contexts. Specific panels are dedicated to topics such as archiving, metadata creation, and the accessibility of linguistic records, as well as the practical, ethical, and legal issues of linguistic documentation in sensible contexts. The presentation sessions of the conference are available at the link: <https://www.youtube.com/@langdoc/playlists>.

- **Launch day: Space and Time in Oral Archives (STOA)**

16 April 2024, University of Urbino Carlo Bo, Urbino (Italy)

Link: <https://www.uniurb.it/novita-ed-eventi/5766>

The *Space and Time in Oral Archive* (STOA) project, funded as a nationally recognized project with PRIN-PNRR 2022 funds, is dedicated to preserving, studying, and reusing intangible cultural heritage through actions on two at-risk oral archives from Marche and Tuscany: the Balducci and Dini Archives. The project aligns with UNESCO guidelines and international standards for FAIR treatment of oral resources. The launch day – which saw the participation of scholars, institutions, and local stakeholders – is available at the link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_sbRw2dcEig](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_sbRw2dcEig).

*Upcoming events*

• **Conference: Convegno sulla storia orale della Resistenza**

*8-10 May 2025, Padua (Italy)*

• **Training: II Seminario residenziale “Li chiamavano matti”**

*April 2025, University of Siena – Arezzo Campus, Arezzo (Italy)*

• **Training: Scuola di storia orale su strumenti e risorse digitali per il trattamento degli archivi orali**

*May 2025, Venezia e Cison di Valmarino (TV) (Italy)*

To stay updated on these events, please refer to the ROADS project page: <https://csc.dei.unipd.it/roads-project/events.html>.

• **Conference: International Oral History Association Conference**

*16-19 September 2025, Jagiellonian University, Krakow (Poland)*

*Link: <https://ioha2025.conference.pl/>*

The 23rd International Oral History Association (IOHA) conference invites oral historians from around the world to rethink the practices of their discipline and, in particular, to reflect on the kinds of stories that should be told and passed on to current and future generations.