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# Dutch Veterans Interview Project



# Dutch Veterans Interview Project (IPNV)

An initiative of the **Veterans Institute** in Doorn (NL)

Conducted from **2007** to **2011**

**1000** digitally recorded life-story interviews

From a representative number of veterans deployed in  
all **conflicts** and **military missions** involving the  
Netherlands (**1940-2011**)

# Post Yugoslav Voices



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A **series of initiatives** of Erasmus Studio

Aim: applying **innovative search technology** in digital recorded oral history

Collections of **video interviews** with **victims** of war and detention in the **Balkan region**

From the **Second World War** until the dissolution of Yugoslavia in the **1990s**





# Oorlogsliefdekind / War Love Child

## Weer een zoektocht geslaagd!

### Blog - Community

De zoektocht naar de vader van José, een oorlogsliefdekind, is eindelijk haar vader gevonden. Het blijkt inderdaad de Nederlandse veteraan te zijn die al in 2009 is opgespoord, maar het vaderschap ontkende. De DNA-test in november 2012 heeft 99,9 % zekerheid gegeven. José heeft haar vader twee weken na de uitslag bij hem thuis kunnen bezoeken, samen met haar man. Zijn vrouw en dochter waren ook bij het gesprek. Ze hebben fotoalbums uit de Indië-tijd van haar vader bekeken, waar José haar moeder op herkende. José: 'Ik ben zo opgelucht! Mijn moeder heeft de waarheid gesproken. Dat is voor mij heel belangrijk. Misschien blijft het bij deze ene keer. Het is nu aan hen om een keer met mij contact op te nemen. Maar mijn zoektocht is afgerond. Ik heb zekerheid! Dat geeft een enorme rust.'



**Zie voor de voorgeschiedenis van de zoektocht de tekst op deze website: 'Eveneens ontknoping zoektocht José'**

Lees ook José's verhaal: categorie 'Oorlogsliefdekinderen in Nederland', titel 'Eigenlijk weet ik alleen zeker dat ik een kind van een Nederlandse militair ben'.

[Reactie toevoegen](#)

## Welkom bij Oorlogsliefdekind

### Blog - Community

door: edlars

Liefde in tijden van oorlog. In de periode 1946-1949 onderhielden Nederlandse soldaten veelvuldig contacten met Indonesische meisjes. Vaak werden uit deze oorlogsliefdes kinderen geboren: oorlogsliefdekinderen. Velen kennen hun vaders niet en zijn op zoek. Is er nog familie in Nederland? Ook




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## Community



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## Doorzoek de site

zoeken... 

## Verhalen

### Recente toevoegingen aan zoektochten

(Willem van Beekhoven)  
(woensdag, 19 december 2012)  
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# Database Oral History Collections Europe



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British library and BBC Regional Broadcasting

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| 2   | 'War-Experience Centre' in Leeds and the Imperial War Museum | Bawdsey Radar   |
| 3   | Beamish Museum   | different projects  |
| 4   | British library  | 'The Century Speaks: Millennium Oral History Project'               |
| 5   | British library  | George Ewart Evans collections                                      |
| 6   | British library  | Families, Social Mobility and Ageing: a multi-generational approach |
| 7   | British library  | National Life Stories: Architects' Lives                            |
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# 19th century

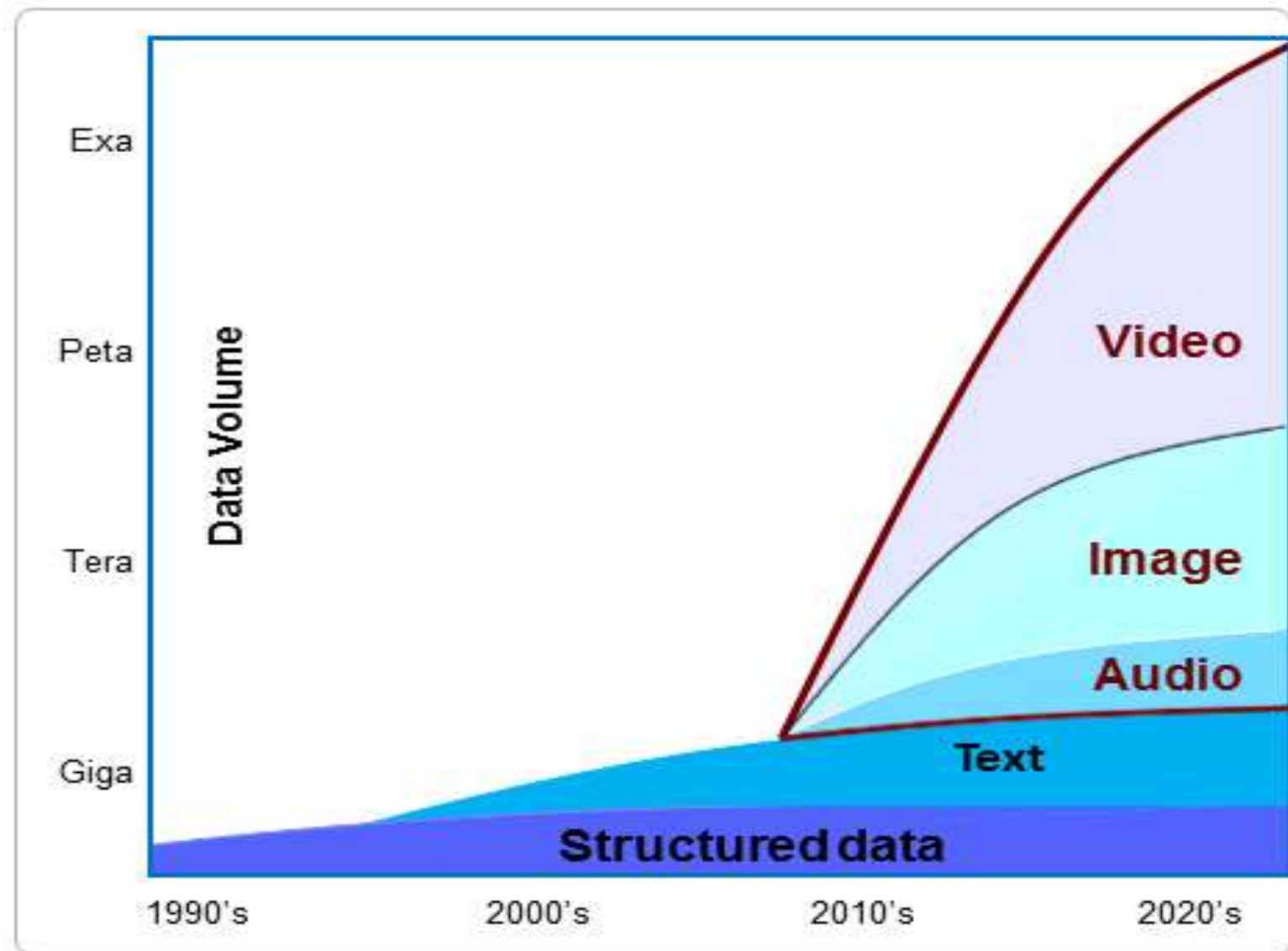
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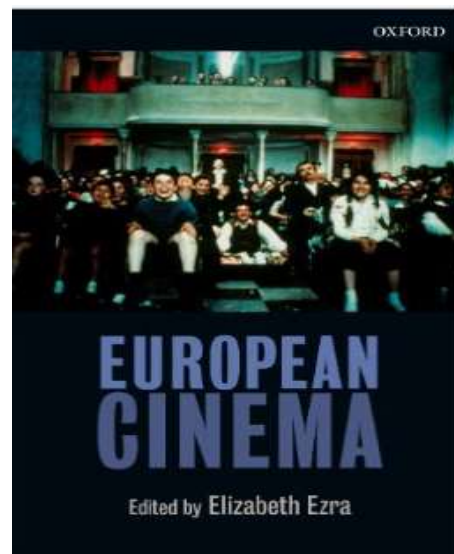
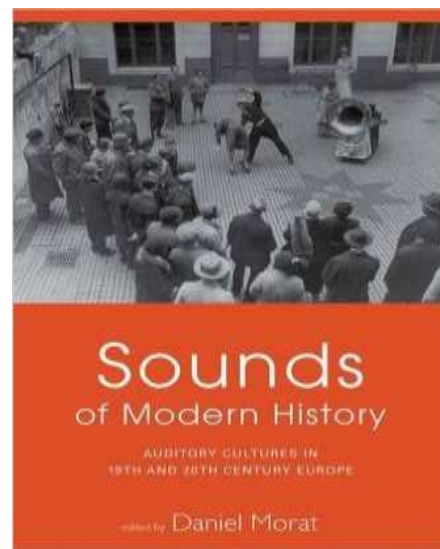
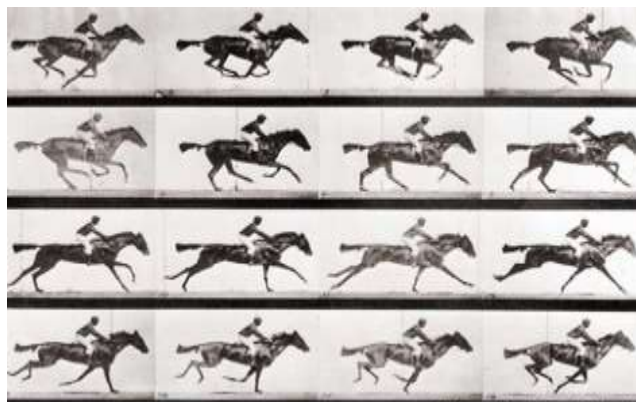


- Two century of printing
- Expansion of written sources...









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# Characteristics of the oral history narrative

Orality: tone,  
rhythm, volume,

Performance; setting,  
division of roles, style of  
speech

Narrative  
structure:  
organisation of  
the narrative

Subjectiveness

Co-creation,  
collaborative  
process

Changing memory:  
relation individual  
and collective  
memory





# Oral source is seen as complementary and equal to textual source

- Social history, give 'voice' to underprivileged groups in society
- Corroborate evidence, no editing, recording is preserved
- Truth? Reliability? Reconstructing facts and events?



# The EDWARDIANS

The Remaking of British Society

PAUL THOMPSON



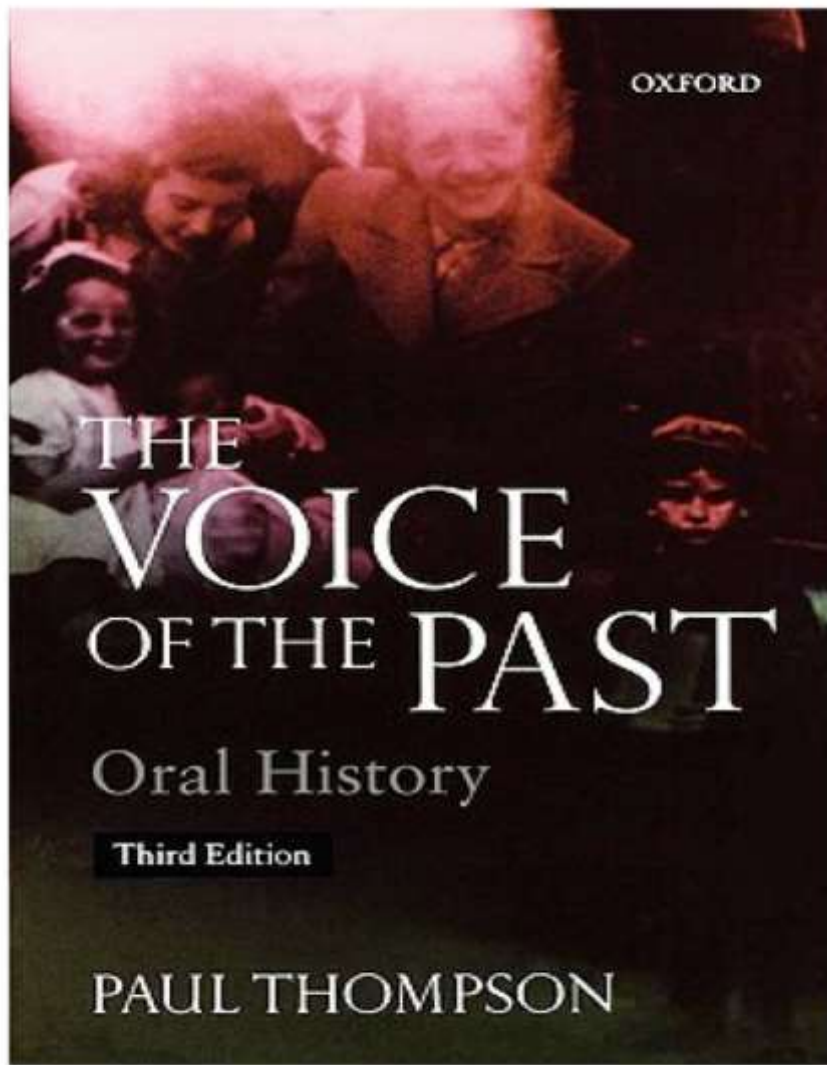
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# THE VOICE OF THE PAST

Oral History

Third Edition

PAUL THOMPSON





# Gen. Julian Thompson

Military oral historian and commander of a brigade in the Falklands war

# Oral source is considered as a different genre

- Under the influence of *The Cultural Turn* oral history interviews are more and more seen as an **interactive process of attributing meaning to events**
- **Inclusion of rhythm, tone, volume, prosody**
- ‘What is factually wrong can be **psychologically true**’
- **Subjectivity** is the most valuable information
- **Truth and reliability become irrelevant?**



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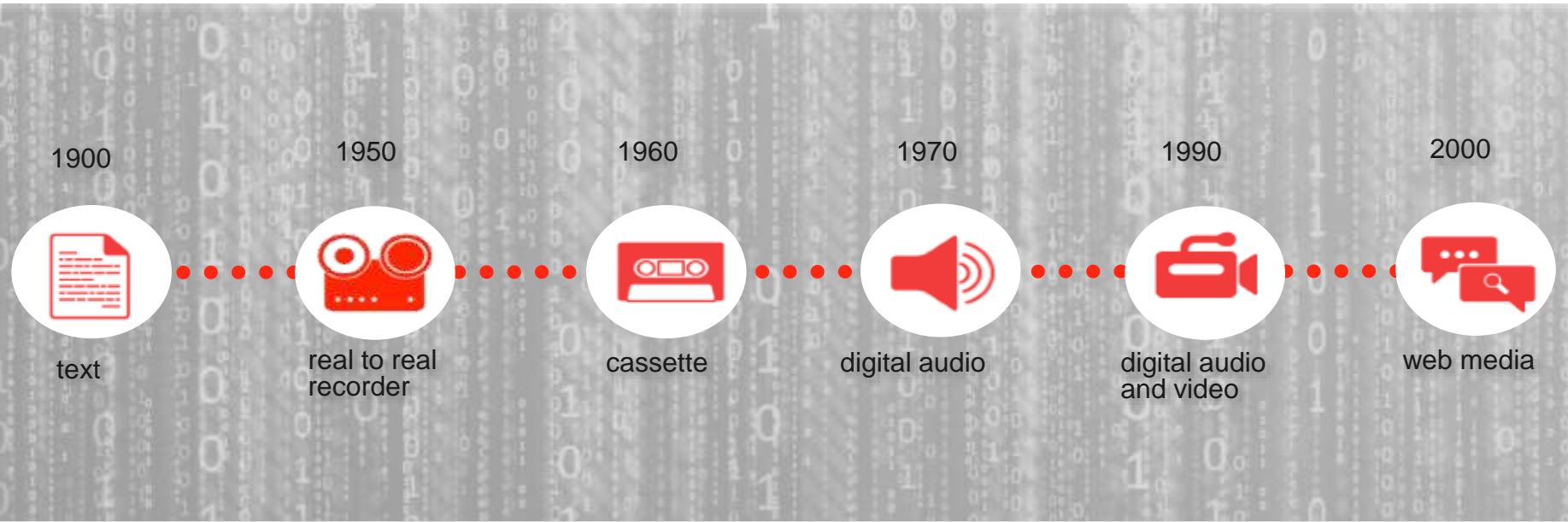
THE DEATH OF  
**LUIGI TRASTULLI**  
AND OTHER STORIES

Form and Meaning in Oral History



# Transition in Oral History

## the digital revolution



- the digital age
- the social community future...

# **1. What is the added value of Digital Oral History Archives?**

**LINK** - how to connect to other archives?

Automatic linking by letting your material being indexed and linked to other sources

**CONNECT** - exploiting the potential to interact with community – activate, empower

**ANALYSE** – exploit multidisciplinary potential of source with digital tools

[www.croatianmemories.org](http://www.croatianmemories.org)

LINK



References to events in wikipedia



List of missing persons



Newsreels of Croatian Media



Oorlogsliefdekind  
Nederlands-Indië  
Indonesië

CONNECT



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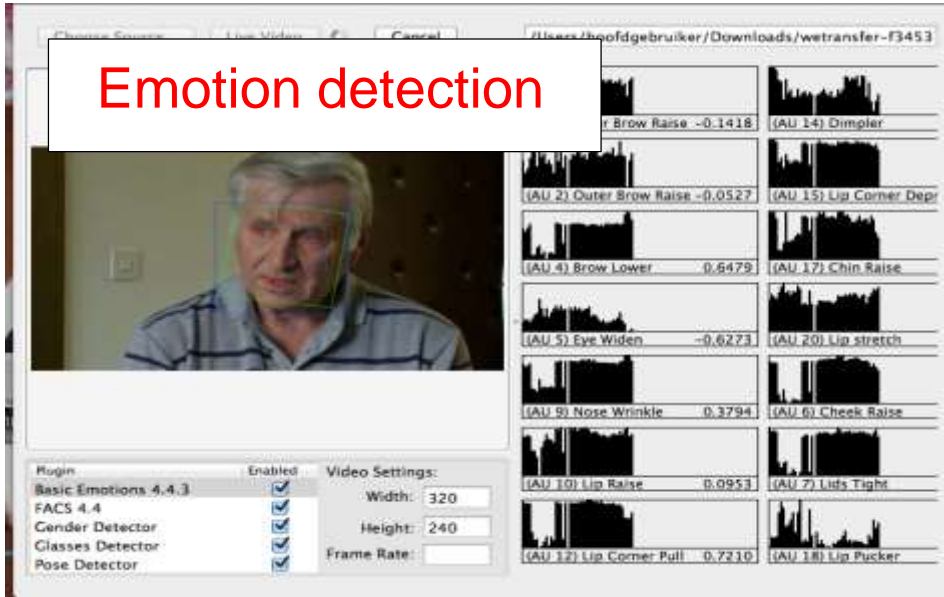
# ANALYSE multiple layers



(video)-oral sources have **multiple layers** of meaning and are suited for **multidisciplinary** research, experiences, language, meaning, events, emotion, sound, bodily expression



## Emotion detection



## Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count

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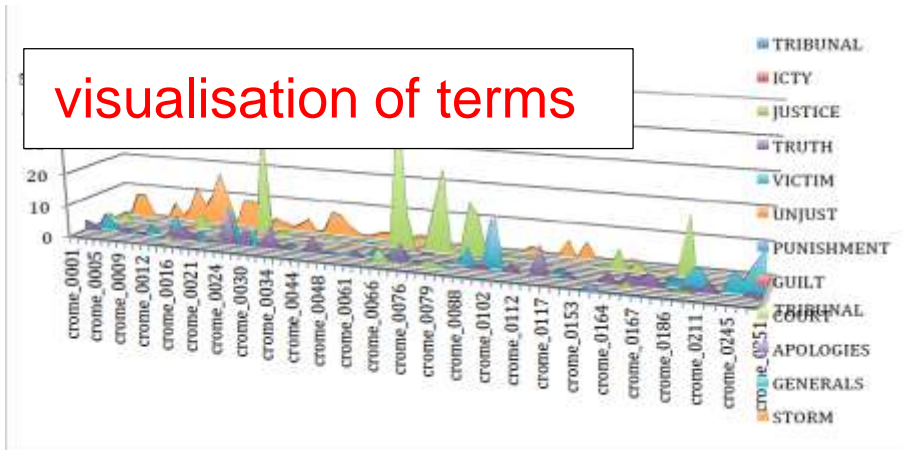
### LIWC Results

Details of Writer: 65 year old Male  
Date/Time: 21 July 2014, 6:52 am

| LIWC Dimension              | Your Data | Personal Texts | Formal Texts |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------|--------------|
| Self-references (I, me, my) | 8.86      | 11.4           | 4.2          |
| Social words                | 10.68     | 9.5            | 8.0          |
| Positive emotions           | 1.74      | 2.7            | 2.6          |
|                             |           | 1.6            | 1.6          |
|                             |           | 5.4            | 5.4          |
|                             |           | 7.2            | 7.2          |
|                             |           | 19.6           | 19.6         |

Frequency of positive and negative terms

## visualisation of terms



## sighs and silences



# Wat Veteranen Vertellen (What Veterans Tell)

Example of **re-use** of qualitative data

## RESEARCH FIELDS:

Discourse Analysis, Psychology,  
Theology, History, Anthropology,

**25 transcribed interviews** are the basis  
for a **series of publications** each from a  
different discipline



# Multidisciplinary workshop Balkan Voices

Assessment of the **potential** of video oral history

## RESEARCH FIELDS:

History, Social Psychology, Narrative Psychology,  
Automatic Human Behavior Analysis,  
Law, Sociology, Translation Studies, Discourse Analysis, Human  
Rights Studies



# Emotional Expression in Oral History Narratives: Comparing Results of Automated Verbal and Nonverbal Analyses\*

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**Which tools do you need for  
which phase of the research  
process?**

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opening up  
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Tools for curation and re-use



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