



## Saving Our Collective Memories from Historical Forgetfulness and Social Amnesia: The Role of the GLAM Industry



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*“Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future.” -- Ray Bradbury*

In this presentation, Dr Mansourian will review what the GLAM industry (Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums) has done globally as memory institutions responsible for saving our social/collective memories and protecting us from historical forgetfulness and social amnesia. He will start by defining the concepts of Collective Memory, Historical Forgetfulness and Social Amnesia and illustrating the conceptual links among them. He will also provide a number of themes and trends that LIS scholars need to consider to study the value and importance of various types of memories, specifically: personal memory, social/collective memory, historical memory and archival memory. Finally, he will address a number of technological, cultural and ethical challenges that memory institutions are facing at the moment and highlight the need to find effective solutions for them in the near future.

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### EVENT DETAILS

12:00-1:00pm

Wednesday 27 November 2019

School of Information Studies Seminar Room  
Building 05  
Charles Sturt University  
Wagga Campus

This session can be attended remotely via Adobe Connect:

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