



Interdisciplinary Research in Memory Studies

This talk will engage with and illustrate the interdisciplinary research in memory studies today, particularly in relation to the triangulation of materiality, affect, and identity in complex cultural systems. It will draw on the special issue on memory, materiality, and forgetting in the *Journal of Postcolonial Writing* edited by the speaker and highlight how memory studies research forms as well as facilitates focal points through which literary studies, cognitive theory, thing theory, and allied disciplines may co-create epistemic convergences. The talk will end with some illustrative examples in fiction and material engagement studies where the entanglement of remembering, forgetting, and focalising is complexly represented.



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