

NextGenMEM Conversations About... *Interdisciplinary research: Melding Methodologies, Theories and Researcher Identities in Migration Studies*

23rd February 2021 10am – 11.30am AEST

The interdisciplinary nature of migration ethnicity and multiculturalism research poses significant challenges in the realms of methodology, theory, and practical aspects of conducting and reporting research. Yet, these complications are rarely discussed. HDR candidates seldom have the opportunity to workshop a problem or discuss the intricacies of the interdisciplinary minefield with a panel of experts and their peers. Therefore, the fifth and final instalment of the NextGenMEM Conversations About... series deals specifically with the challenges we face as interdisciplinary migration researchers.

We are calling for expressions of interest from HDR candidates conducting interdisciplinary research in the field of migration ethnicity and multiculturalism who wish to share challenges and sticking points they have faced, or are currently facing, while researching in this space.

The three successful candidates will have the opportunity to showcase their work and discuss a specific issue with a panel of distinguished scholars working on migration across multiple disciplines. Candidates will have five minutes to present to the panellists and their peers and can expect friendly and encouraging support and advice from the expert panel of migration researchers to whom they can also direct questions. The candidates' presentations will facilitate discussion with attendees who may also share insights that could assist the presenters on their research journey.

The three selected candidates will be awarded the inaugural '**TASA NextGenMEM Interdisciplinary Migration Research Bursary**' worth \$500 (must be a registered TASA member). The bursary can be claimed for expenses related to activities that assist the awardees in furthering their research (e.g. attending a conference, professional development, data collection/transcription costs etc.).

If you wish to seize this opportunity, please send a 200-word abstract outlining your research focus and the core challenge/s you would like to discuss at this event to charlotte.young@bath.edu by **1st February 2021**.

Abstracts should broadly align with one or more of the following themes:

1. Methodological challenges in interdisciplinary migration research
2. Theoretical challenges in interdisciplinary migration research
3. Practical challenges in conducting interdisciplinary migration research
4. Challenges for career progression in interdisciplinary migration research (e.g. publishing, funding, collaborating, job-hunting)