

“Stories through Memories”: Bruneian experiences of World War II.

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Abstract

“Kisah-Kisah dalam Kenangan / Stories through Memories” is an oral history project collecting personal stories of those who lived through World War II in Brunei Darussalam (1941 – 1945). It explores local Bruneians’ experiences particularly the last weeks of fighting between Japanese occupying forces, Bruneian locals and the Australian Armed Forces. The seminar will cover the background of the Japanese Occupation of Southeast Asia and Brunei and reveal how these events are remembered and narrated by survivors. Additionally it will discuss the process of capturing and documenting these stories for future generations as “Kisah-Kisah dalam Kenangan / Stories through Memories”

Speaker's Profile



Dr. Janet Marles worked as a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Universiti Brunei Darussalam from 2011 until 2014, where she continues her research as an Adjunct Senior Lecturer. She has worked as a Senior Lecturer in Radio and Television Broadcasting in the United Arab Emirates and in Australia at Griffith University and the Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS). Currently she is Discipline Head Photomedia, James Cook University.



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Dr. Frank Dhont is Senior Lecturer in the Institute of Asian Studies. He is historian of Indonesia and Southeast Asia. His major research interests include the reactions of both indigenous rulers and ordinary people to Japanese colonialism in the Netherlands Indies during World War II. He is also interested in the history of the various Sultans on Borneo in the 20th Century.