



**UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE, AUSTRALIA & CEU ROMANI STUDIES PROGRAM**

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

***Agency and Perception:***  
***The Roma in East Central Europe***

**CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST**

*April 18th-19th 2024*

*On-line @ Zoom*

All times are Central European Summer Time (UTC+2)

*(for access to the Zoom event, please register [here](#) )*

## **PROGRAM**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> – DAY 1**

### **9:30 – 10:00 / WELCOME**

Angéla Kóczé, Romani Studies Program, Central European University

Nancy Cushing CSOV, University of Newcastle (Australia)

Sacha Davis, CSOV, University of Newcastle (Australia)

### **10:00 – 11:30 / PANEL 1 TRAUMA AND EMOTION**

Chaired by: Angéla Kóczé, Romani Studies Program, Central European University

Panel Speakers:

- *Emotional Construction of Identity of Minorities in Political Discourse: The Case-study of Roma Minority in the European Union and the Slovak Republic*  
Michaela Zemanová (Prague University)
- *Critical reflections on the historical dimensions of policies concerning the Roma in East Central Europe and their impact on the psychological trauma of the Romani community*  
Sonia Styrkacz (University of Warsaw and Education Research Institute)



- *Transnational aid through the lens of the concept of citizenship: Roma to Roma in the face of war in Ukraine.*  
Elżbieta Mirga-Wójtowicz, Monika Szewczyk & Kamila Fiałkowska (Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw)

#### 11:30 – 12:00 / BREAK

#### 12:00 – 13:30 / PANEL 2: CULTURE AND RHETORIC

Chaired by: Sacha Davis, CSOV, University of Newcastle (Australia)

Panel Speakers:

- *Antigypsyism: between blatant racist hate speech and racially loaded toxic speech. A qualitative approach of young Roma's online antigypsyist experiences*  
Ileana Rotaru (West University of Timisoara) & Anca Velicu (Romanian Academy)
- *The Genesis and Structure of the Hungarian Jazz Diaspora: Meanings of "Permanence" and "Change" in Romani Musicians' Jazz*  
Ádám Havas (University of Barcelona, Department of Sociology)
- *Alienation and "Othering" of Roma and Muslims in Polish Press*  
Justyna Matkowska (Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznan)

#### 13:30 – 15:00 / LUNCH BREAK

#### 15:00 – 16:30 / PANEL 3: RACE AND REPRESENTATION

Chaired by: Stelina Dungaj, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central European University

Panel Speakers:

- *The Racial Politics of "Best Use:" On Racial Neoliberalism and Social Housing after the Liberal Turn in Budapest, Hungary*  
Jonathan McCombs (University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire)
- *Recalling the Genocide of the Roma in Romanian State Sponsored Textbooks*  
Cristina Stoica (University of Victoria)
- *Intersectionality in Bulgarian Pop/folk Music: Romani Celebrities Respond to Neo-nationalism*  
Carol Silverman (University of Oregon)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH – DAY 2



#### 10:00 – 11:30 / PANEL 4: WOMEN AND LABOUR

Chaired by: Daniela Bace, Cultural Heritage Studies Program, Central European University

Panel Speakers:

- *Gendered and Racialized Social Reproductive Work of Romani Women in Post-Socialist Europe*  
Angela Kocze (Central European University)
- *Roma women's lived experiences at Sebesmankó: struggles for social reproduction and respectability in wage work and everyday relations*  
Lilla Eredics (Central European University)
- *Dispossession of the Body in the case of Dom Women: The process of transition from craft nomadism to informal economy*  
Zühal Gezicier (Central European University)

#### 11:30 – 12:00 / BREAK

#### 12:00 – 13:30 / PANEL 5: RACIALIZATION AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

Chaired by: Sebastian Meredith, University of Newcastle (Australia)

Panel Speakers:

- *Forced Sedentarisation and the Racialisation of Roma under Habsburg Absolutism*  
Sacha E Davis (University of Newcastle, Australia)
- *Anti-Gypsy policy of the Ustasha authorities and mass crimes against Roma in the Independent State of Croatia*  
Danijel Vojak (Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar)
- *In search of (political) agency: belonging and racialisation of Roma in Europe*  
Andreja Zevnik (Manchester University) and Andrew Russell (University of Liverpool)

#### 13:30 – 14:30 / LUNCH BREAK

#### 14:30 – 16:00 / PANEL 6: HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Chaired by: Zühal Gezicier (Central European University)

Panel Speakers:

- *Social polarization and economic inequality: An analysis of the impact of communist and neoliberal policies on the quality of life of the Romani community in Romania*  
Miruna Pandele (Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca)



- *“Hidden” politics and environmental justice: civic action of the marginalized urban poor in Bulgaria for access to water*  
Rositsa Kratunkova (Sciences Po Paris)
- *Teacher training as an opportunity to learn about and recognize stories of denied rights. Civic engagement to desire and imagine change*  
Donatella Donato (University of Valencia)