

Symposium: New Directions in Study of the Roma Genocide

Day 1 : May 10th 2023

9:30-10:00:

Welcome & coffee

10:00-11:30

Panel 1, Microhistory (1)

Chair: Celia Donert

Grégoire Cousin: ‘The fate of the Roma deported to Suha-Balca farm: writing a collective history of the victims’

Anna Míšková: ‘The Return Unwanted’, the story of one family against the background of Nazi persecution in the protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia’

Paula Simon: ‘A mosaic of sources: Writing a microhistory of the Samudaripen in Niš, Serbia’

11:30-11:45

Coffee & tea

11:45-13:15

Panel 2, Microhistory (2)

Chair: Barbara Warnock

Petre Matei: ‘Roma women’s petitions to rescue their deported families: A case study from Romania’

Michala Lônčíková: ‘Detention Camp for Gypsies’ in Dubnica nad Váhom in the Romani testimonies from the compensation files of Slovakia’

Laura Stobener: ‘Thirteen Dossiers: Survivors of the genocide of Roma in Belgium’

13:15-14:15

Lunch

14:15-16:15

Panel 3, Testimonies as objects of analysis

Chair: Clara Dijkstra

Aleksandra Szczepan: 'Negotiating testimonial agency: Nowa Huta Roma in Holocaust archives'

Eva Sammadar: 'Embodying suffering of Roma in Serbia between 1941 and 1944 through arts and oral testimonies'

Helena Sadílková and Lada Viková: 'Experiences difficult to communicate': Post-war testimonies by Jan Ištvan, a Romani Holocaust survivor, and the history of his family in the Czech lands'

Maria Bogdan: 'Self-Representation: Survivor interviews as trauma texts and as part of the deconstructive shift of the Romani movements'

16:15-16:45

Coffee & tea

16:45-17:45

Roundtable on education and memory

Chair: Barbara Warnock

Further details to follow

18:30-19:45

Keynote lecture by Ari Joskowicz: 'Roma, Jews and the Holocaust'

Chair: Celia Donert

20:00

Conference dinner

Day 2: May 11th 2023

9:00-9:30

Arrive & coffee

9:30-10:30

Keynote lecture by Volha Bartash: 'On agency and resistance, Roma in the Soviet partisan movement'

Chair: Barbara Warnock

10:30-10:45

Coffee & tea

10:45-12:45

Panel 4, Commemoration and transitional justice

Chair: Ian Rich

Maëlle Lepitre: 'Remembering the Roma genocide: The case of the Buchenwald memorial after 1989/1990'

Renata Berkyová: 'Searching for ways to remember the Holocaust of Czech Roma and Sinti in the 1960s and Early 1970s'

Lara Raabe: 'Between bureaucracy and agency: Romani voices in West Berlin restitution proceedings'

Verena Meier: 'New perpetrator research and voices of the oppressed: The NS genocide against Sinti and Roma in Magdeburg and Transitional Justice after 1945'

12:45-13:45

Lunch

13:45-14:45

Panel, 5 State perspectives, perpetration and responses

Chair: Barbara Warnock

Alexander Korb: 'Genozide ante Portas? Bavarian anti-traveler legislation and practice in the 1920s'

László Csósz: 'Anti-Roma violence in Hungary during the last months of World War II'

14:45-15:45

Panel 6, Roma children and the Holocaust

Chair: Toby Simpson

Aisling Shalvey: 'Identification of victims and uncovering injustice in the Noma experiment on Roma children at Auschwitz'

Justyna Matkowska: 'Roma orphans in the southeastern area of occupied Poland during WWII'

15:45-16:00

Coffee & tea

16:00-17:00

Final roundtable: New directions in the study of the Roma genocide

Chair: Christine Schmidt

Karola Fings, Ari Joskowicz, Volha Bartash

17:00

Concluding remarks & end

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