

Discrimination against the Roma in Central and Eastern Europe: Antigypsyism, Political Underrepresentation, and Memory Politics

Symposium

Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies
Friday, October 17, 2025

9:15–16:30

Draft Program

Session I (9:15–11:00)

Commemoration Practices for the Victims of the Roma Genocide

Chair: TBA

Anton Weiss-Wendt (*Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies*)

Introduction

Elena Marushiakova & Veselin Popov (*Institute of Ethnology and Social Anthropology of the
Slovak Academy of Sciences*)

“Contemporary Roma Historical Narrative about the Policy of the Bulgarian State
Towards the Roma During the Second World War”

Danijel Vojak (*Ivo Pilar Institute of Social Sciences, Croatia*)

“Mass Crimes against Roma in the Independent State of Croatia in the Context of the
Culture of Remembrance”

Eve Rosenhaft (*University of Liverpool, UK*)

“Whose Life is it Anyway? Reflections on Romani Holocaust Commemoration in the
U.K.”

Session II (11:00–12:30)
Legal Protection of Roma

Chair: Ingvill Plesner (*Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies*)

Aniko Szalai (*University of Szeged, Hungary*)

“International Legal Paths for the Protection of the Roma Minority”

Emma Varnagy (*independent scholar*)

“Litigating Racist Police Violence against Roma at the European Court of Human Rights”

David M. Crowe (*Elon University, USA*)

“East European Roma and the Quest for Asylum in the U.S.”

Lunch (12:30–13:30)
Café Villa Grande

Session III (13:30 –15:00)
Understanding and Confronting Antigypsyism

Chair: Maria Schwaller-Rosvoll (*Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies*)

Marton Ravid (*Central European University, Hungary/Austria*)

“From Tackling Antigypsyism to Remediating Racial Injustice”

Huub van Bar (*University of Leuven, Belgium*)

“The Role of Spectacular Security in Producing Anti-Roma Racism”

Iulius Rostas (*National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Romania*)

“Antigypsyism and Collective Memory: Using Transitional Justice Tools in Central and Eastern Europe”

Session IV (15:00–16:30)
Gendered and Comparative Perspectives on the Persecution of Roma

Chair: Ellen Stensrud (*Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies*)

Angela Kocze (*Central European University, Hungary/Austria*)

“The Recursion of Eugenic Logic: Problematizing the Gendered Racialization of Roma in Central and Eastern Europe”

Ethel Brooks (*Rutgers University, USA*)

“Divinations: Romani Gendered Worldmaking and Feminist Intimacy”

Stephan Müller (*Central Council of the German Sinti and Roma, Germany*)

“To Break the Circle of Violence and Exclusion: Lessons for Roma in Ukraine from the Wars in Bosnia-Herzegovina (1992–95) and Kosovo (1998–99)”