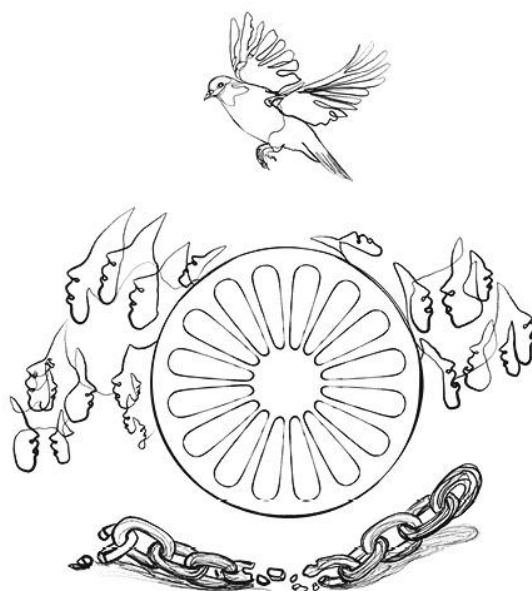


Slavery in Moldavia and Wallachia: Silences, Memory, and Resistance



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Changes to the program may occur.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE DAY ONE

Monday, November 24, 2025

Location: MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion, and Society

9: 00 – 9:15 | Welcome

Solvor Mjøberg Lauritzen, Professor, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society

Trine Anker, Professor and Prorector Research/ Acting Rector MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society

Maria Dumitru, PhD Candidate, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society

9:15 – 10:15 | Keynote speech – Slavery, Legacies, Traumas

Ian Hancock, Professor emeritus, University of Texas at Austin

Moderator: Alma Dzafic Ferhatovic, MSc student in Sociology of Law, Lund University

10:15 – 10:30 | Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:45 | Panel discussion on The History of Roma Slavery and Forms of Resistance

Maria Dumitru

Liliane Ene, PhD, researcher at the National Institute for Research and Development “Danube Delta” in Tulcea (Romania)

Petre Petcut, PhD and Historian

Moderator: Solvor Lauritzen

11:45-12.45 | Lunch

12:45 – 13:25 | Keynote speech – Reparations

Mary Bassett, Director of the François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Center for Health and Human Rights and FXB Professor of the Practice of Health and Human Rights in the department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Moderator: Maria Bogdan, PhD, Managing Editor of Critical Romani Studies (CEU)

13:25 - 14:05 | Panel discussion – Reparations in Norway

Solomia Karoli, Romas Menneskerettigheter - Roma Manushikane Cacimata, Norway

Bjørn Erik Thon, The Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud in Norway

Lillian Støen, Taternes Landsforening (National Association of Travellers, Norway)

Moderator: Margareta Matache, Lecturer on Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and the co-founder and Director of the Roma program at the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard University

14:05-14.20 | Coffee Break

14:20 - 15:15 | Panel discussion – Reparations across geographies

Mihai Neacsu, Director of the National Centre for Roma Culture, Romania

Iulius Rostas, PhD, Visiting Professor at the National University of Political Studies and Administration (Romania) and ELTE Budapest.

Fernando Ruiz Molina, Human Rights Lawyer and PhD Candidate at School of Law, Criminology and Government at the University of Plymouth

Moderator: Margareta Matache

17:00-18:30 | Book Launch “The Permanence of Anti-Roma Racism. (Un)uttered Sentences”

By Margareta Matache.

The book offers a glimpse into how centuries-old racism against Roma people continues to affect their lives throughout Europe. Blending personal and family stories and archives with critical, historical, and social science analyses, the book examines how racism, harmful myths, and powerlessness have been passed down through generations since the Middle Ages.

Respondents:

Guro Jabulisile Sibeko, Azanian-Norwegian teacher, author, spoken word artist and political activist.

Dezso Mate, PhD, Research Fellow at the Interdisciplinary Centre for European Studies, Europa-Universität Flensburg, and Visiting Research Fellow at the Research Centre on Antigypsyism, Heidelberg University.

Location: Litteraturhuset

19:00 | Conference dinner

Performance by **Salamanca Taikon Gonzalez**, Art Director and co-founder of Arthem – Romska Teatern

Location: Romano kher

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE DAY TWO

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Location: The Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies

9:00 – 9:15 | Welcome

Jan Heiret, Director at The Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies

Solvor Lauritzen, Professor, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society

9:15 - 10:00 | Keynote – Contemporary Activism & Arts of Resistance

Delia Grigore, Associate Professor, University of Bucharest

Moderator: Solvor Lauritzen

10:00 – 10:15 | Coffee break

10:15 – 11:00 | Panel discussion: the Role of the Arts in Remembering the History of Roma Slavery

Emanuel Barica

Oana Rusu, actor and PhD candidate, University of Arts, Târgu Mureș, and Lucian Blaga University, Sibiu.

Cecilia Salinas, PhD, Anthropologist and artist

Salamanca Taikon Gonzales, Art Director and co-founder of Arthem – Romska Teatern

Moderator: Alma Dzafic Ferhatovic, MSc student in Sociology of Law, Lund University

11:00 – 11:30 | Launch of Exhibition curated by the MEMOROBIA research team and the Center for Studies of the Holocaust and Religious Minorities.

Solvor Lauritzen

Maria Dumitru, PhD Candidate, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society

Emanuel Barica, Roma artist reflecting around the Roma people's history and struggles, and challenging established narratives through art.

11:30-12:15 | Lunch

12:15 – 12:45 | Launch of Critical Romani Studies Special Issue “Racialized Slavery in Moldova and Wallachia: Legacies and Silences”

Moderator: Maria Bogdan, PhD, Managing Editor of Critical Romani Studies (CEU)

12:45 - 13:30 | Panel discussion on Roma history and Education

Petr Torak, Chief Executive Officer, Compas Charity UK

Luiza Medeleanu, PhD candidate University of Bucharest

Elise Christensen, Educator, 22 July Center

Moderator: Solveig Moldrheim, head of the educational department and PhD candidate at the University of Bergen.

13:30 – 13:45 | Coffee break

13:45 - 14:30 | Documenting and remembering the Roma slavery – a conversation

Agnes Lakatos, Journalist, Radio Sweden

Ian Hancock, Professor emeritus, University of Texas at Austin

Moderator: Solvor Lauritzen