



Romani mobilities in Europe: Multidisciplinary perspectives
International Conference
 Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford

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Conference Programme

Venues

HMC: Harris Manchester Chapel
HMH: Harris Manchester Hall
QEHH: Queen Elizabeth House Hall
SR1: Seminar Room 1, QEH
SR2: Seminar Room 2, QEH
SR3: Seminar Room 3, QEH (new wing)
MRA: Meeting Room A, QEH (new wing)

DAY 1		Venue
10.00-onward	Registration	HMH
11.15-11.30	Welcome and introduction - Prof Roger Zetter (Director, Refugee Studies Centre) - Dr Nando Sigona (Conference organiser)	HMC
11.30-13.15 <u>Plenary session</u>	A) The Europeanisation of the Roma issue Chair: Dr Nando Sigona - Prof Peter Vermeersch (University of Leuven): Between Europeanisation and Discrimination: the Roma as a special focus of EU policy - Dr Will Guy (University of Bristol): EU Roma initiatives: alternative approaches - Prof Yaron Matras (University of Manchester): Migrations and their impact on the Romani political movement in the early 1990s - Michael Guet (Head of the Roma and Travellers Division, Council of Europe): Challenges related to Roma migration and freedom of movement	HMC
13.15-14.00	Buffet lunch	QEHH
14.00-15.30 <u>Panel session</u>	1) The Roma and the concept and practice of freedom of movement in the EU Chair: Dr Nidhi Trehan - Marton Rövid: One-size-fits-all-Roma? On the normative dilemmas of the emerging European Roma policy - Doris Farget: The Roma people, mobility and Europe: a challenge in terms of human rights - Dr Laura Cashman: Romani mobilities in the context of the new EU: what could or should the EU be doing?	MRA
	2) Migration and settlement of Romanian Roma Chair: Dr Marie Bidet - Tove Skotvedt: Romanian Roma's migration to Norway – push and pull factors - Dr Basel Houshieh: From Transylvania to Manchester: eye-witness reflections on Roma	SR2

	migrations • Iulius Rostas: The responses of Romanian authorities to Romani migration	
	3) Legal status, mobility and settlement Chair: Dr Nando Sigona • Jan Grill: Džal opre andre Anglicko' (To go up to England). From asylum seekers to EU labour migrants: the case of East-Slovakian Roma • Rachel Humphris: Governing Roma mobilities in the UK. How UK asylum and migration policy has affected Roma mobility – a historical perspective • Oscar López-Catalán: Local politics, forced mobilities and access to basic rights. The case of Romanian Roma in the metropolitan area of Barcelona	SR1
	4) Law, rights and mobility Chair: Prof Thomas Acton • Prof Alessandro Simoni: At the outer limits of the rule of law: Romanian Roma and their impact on Italian legal culture • Chris Johnson (with Marc Willers, and Dr Andrew Ryder): Facilitating the Gypsy and Traveller way of life through the Courts in England and Wales • Dr Roberta Medda-Windischer: Legal aspects of Romani mobility and traditional lifestyle as facets of Romani cultural identity • Barbara G. Bello: Roma young people in motion between the anti-discrimination policy and citizenship barriers in Italy and in Germany: to be or not to be EQUAL?	SR3
15.30-15.45	Coffee break	QEHH
15.45-17.15 <u>Panel session</u>	5) Governing and understanding Romani mobility: public discourse and social policy in Europe Chair: Dr Nidhi Trehan • Dr Samuel Delépine: Different forms of Roma mobility, difficulties of classification: the French example • Dr Marie Bidet: Will French Gypsies always stay nomadic and out of law-making process? • Wolfgang Göderle: In search for <i>Romipen</i> – in search for Romani migrations? Notes on the official statistical perception of Romani mobilities in Central Europe 19th and 20th century	SR2
	6) Police forces, doctors, lawyers, and judges: the state and the Roma Chair: Dr Nando Sigona • Dr Isabella Clough Marinaro: Life on the run: biopolitics and the Roma in Italy • Dr Carlotta Saletti Salza: The adoptions of Roma and Sinti minors in Italy • Dr Alexandra Nacu: The politics of healthcare among Roma migrants in the Paris region	SR1
	7) Migration and identity (1) Chair: Rachel Humphris • Catalina Tesar: 'Good Gypsies' in Romania, 'de-ethnicised' beggars In Italy. Politics of representations and politics of work among so called 'traditional' Romanian Roma • Barbara Tiefenbacher: Romipen on the move Questions of language and identity among Yugoslavian Romani migrants in Vienna • Dr Pietro Saitta: Roma in Sicily: Informal Economy and Processes of Resettlement • Dr Elisabetta Di Giovanni: Like suspended particles. The long way to social inclusion of a Roma community in Sicily	SR3
	8) Governing Romani mobility: policy and politics Chair: Dr Giovanni Picker • Dr Oliver Legros: Permanence and change in the policies towards Roma migrants in France: The 'villages d'insertion' of the suburbs of Paris in question	MRA

	• Regis Guyon and Michael Rigolot: A new European issue for the French Republic : the schooling of the migrant Rom and Gypsy pupils • Dr Martin Olivera: Interrogating the <i>doxa</i> about Roma migrations: the realities of Romanian Roma in Parisian area	
17.30-18.30 <u>Plenary session</u>	Keynote Address • Baroness Emma Nicholson of Winterbourne 2005-15: The Decade of Roma inclusion. What has been done and what should to be done Chair: Prof Roger Zetter	HMC
18.45 -20.15	Drinks reception & buffet dinner	QEHH

DAY 2: Friday, 15 th January		Venue
09.00-10.30 <u>Panel Session</u>	9) The Romani movement: grass-root activism and international advocacy Chair: Dr Nando Sigona - Dr Aidan McGarry: Ethnicity-Blind and Differentiated Treatment: Fine-Tuning the EU Policy on Roma - Aleksandar Marinov: From the outside looking in: The impact of migration on Roma from the Roma perspective - Cristi Mihalache: Freedom of movement within the European Union at work: the case of Romanian Roma - Ramneek Grewal: Institutional Inertia and International Initiatives: Debilitating for Roma Activism?	SR3
	10) New comers and long established Romani communities: building a dialogue? Chair: Dr Giovanni Picker - Sofiya Zahova: Refugee Migrations of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians to Montenegro and their Impact on the Communities' Social and Cultural Development - Marco Solimene: Xoraxané Romá, Romanian Rom and Rome - Dr Magdalena Slavkova: Romani Migrations from Bulgaria to Spain: Challenges and Perspectives	MRA
	11) Anti-Gypsyism, mobility and social inclusion Chair: Prof Thomas Acton - Dr Peter Kabachnik (with Dr Andrew Ryder): Nomadism and New Labour: Constraining Gypsy and Traveller Mobilities in Britain - Dr Margaret Greenfields: Settlement and anti-Gypsyism: 'If you know someone hates you before you start, you puts up the barrier' - Dr Jo Richardson: Discourse dissonance: an examination of media, political and public discourse and its impact on policy implementation for Roma, Gypsies and Travellers at a local level - Lucie Fremlova: Mapping Survey of the movement of Roma from new Member States to England	HMC
10.30-11.00	Coffee break	QEHH
11.00-12.45 <u>Plenary session</u>	B) Migration, mobility and Identity Chair: Prof Judith Okely (University of Oxford) - Prof Carol Silverman (University of Oregon): Balkan Romani Music in Transit: Production, Consumption, and Appropriation - Prof Thomas Acton (University of Greenwich): Theorising Mobility: Migration, nomadism, and the social reconstruction of ethnicity - Prof Elena Marushiakova & Prof Vesselin Popov (Studii Romani): Gypsy/Roma European Migrations from 15th century till nowadays - Dr Adrian Marsh (University of Greenwich): Anti-diaspora and Anatolian exceptionalism: the Romani movement in Turkey, 2002-10	HMC
12.45-13.30	Buffet lunch	QEHH
13.30-15.00 <u>Panel session</u>	12) Diversity, deviance, persecution and recognition Chair: Miika Tervonen Dr Sabrina Tosi Cambini: The social dangerousness of the accused is in one with her	HMC

	own condition of nomad • Åsa Jansson: Deviance and Diversity: Zigenare and Romer within the Swedish Minoritetspolitik • Dr Giovanni Picker: Left-wing progress? Nationalist policies vis-à-vis Romani immigrants in Florence, Italy (1988-2007) • Dr Gerhard Baumgartner: From Persecution to Recognition: History of the Austrian Roma Movement since 1945	
	13) Gender, migration and mobility Chair: Dr Ignacy-Marek Kaminski • Dr Teresa Sordè-Marti, Ariadna Munté, Dr Òscar Prieto-Flores, and Ana Contreras: Building common alliances and developing shared strategies: Immigrant and Native Romani women • Concetta Smedile: Migration, Prostitution, Identities: A Comparative Study of Two Immigrant Roma Communities in Italy • Stefan Benedik: On the streets and in the bed – Gendered and sexualised subtexts in popular discourses on Central European Romani migrations	SR1
	14) Mobilizing Roma: the role of NGOs Chair: Dr Nidhi Trehan • Dr Jean-Baptiste Duez: Romani mobilities in Europe: the French example of the ideology of individuals and NGO's, regarding government actions • Dr Hana Synkova: Can NGOs serve as mobility channels? • Tobias Marx: Roma-Elite and the Problem of Re-Presentation	MRA
	15) Migration and identity (2) Chair: Dr Nando Sigona • Dr Yelis Erolova: Labour Migrations of the Bulgarian Roma in Poland • Oana Marcu: Cash Cash: Young Roma and Social Visibility Strategies • Dr Julie Vullnetari: Of fortune tellers and work visas: migration experiences of Roma in Albania	SR1
15.00-15.45	Coffee break + Book launch: Romani politics in Europe: poverty, ethnic mobilization and the neoliberal order (Dr Nando Sigona and Dr Nidhi Trehan with Iulius Rostas, Dr Jo Richardson, and Leo Singer)	QEHH/SR1
15.45-17.00 <u>Plenary session</u>	C) Activism, advocacy and research: Roma, Gypsies and Travellers in the UK and Europe – roundtable discussion with: • Dr Nicolae Gheorghe (consultant) • Siobhan Spencer MBE (Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group) • Agnieszka Walsh (Children's Society): Romano Bumburumbum and the Roma projects at New Londoners Chair: Dr Nando Sigona	HMC
17.00-17.20	Concluding remarks – Dr Nando Sigona and Prof Roger Zetter	HMC
17.30-18.30	Food and refreshments	QEHH