



The role of religion in the social inclusion of Roma: past and present

International Conference

Sibiu, 13.3.2024 – 15.3.2024

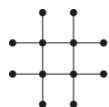
Location: ASTRA County Library - 5, George Barițiu Street, Sibiu, Building A, Auditorium

Wednesday 13.3. – Opening Day

17.00	Opening Session	Welcome and presentation of the participants Greetings Introduction to the PARI project
18.00	PARI Exhibition: Vernissage (ASTRA County Library - 7, George Barițiu Street, Sibiu, Building B, lobby)	Presentation by the curators: Bogdan Andriescu and Roxana Ionescu Reception

Thursday 14.3 – Researchers` Day

09.00	Opening	
09.15	<i>Keynote lecture and discussion</i> Viorel Achim , Romanian Academy, Bucharest: <i>Historical Look at the Relations of the Roma in Romania with the Church and Religion</i>	
10.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
	Sessions in the Auditorium (Building A) <i>with English-Romanian translation</i>	Sessions in the Seminar room (Building B) <i>only English</i>
10.45	Session 1a <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laszo Fozsto: Worship at Home in Roma communities and online Communication • Daniel Caraivan: Mixed marriages and religious conversion in Roma communities in Romania • Camelia Badea, Ligia Scărlătescu, Inger Marie Lid: Participatory approaches in empirical international research on minority inclusion and social justice • Bjørn Hallstein Holte, Sabina Luca: Religious actors and Roma inclusion in five localities: Five case studies Chair: Stephanie Dietrich	Session 1b <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fanni Maszlag: Modernization of traditional communities and the role of churches in this process • Anne-Marie Kool: Analysis of Theological Concepts of Hope in Selected Popular Roma Worship Songs • Stefan Tobler: The inclusive potential of religious faith • Marian Zăloagă: Exploring Romanies' Religious Choices and Religiosity. An Analytic Scrutiny of the Past and Present Sources Chair: Tor Slettebø



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12.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14.00	<p>Session 2a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fanni Mária Puskás: Role of Small Denominations in Roma Social Mobility in a Hungarian Small Town • Leni Mjåland: Policy discourses of diaconal actors in Norway regarding the mobility of Roma • Sorina Corman, Alin Croitoru: Community-Led Development in Four Romanian Roma Communities: An In-Depth Analysis of Local Initiatives, in Terms of Resources • Sabina Luca, Tor Slettebø, Annette Leis-Peters: The Participatory Research Approach (PRA) in the Mapping Process <p>Chair: Bjørn Hallstein Holte</p>	<p>Session 2b</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adriana Cupcea: Practicing Islam among a Double Minority. A case study on Turkish Muslim Roma in Dobruja (Romania) • Tomáš Hrustič: Roma converts to Jehovah's Witnesses in Slovakia • Stephanie Dietrich, Sorin Boica: Religion, religious actors and social issues: A diaconal approach to Roma inclusion • Marius Crişan: A Roma Community at the Heart of the Romanian Greek-Catholic Church. Inclusion through Education in the Roma Community of Blaj. History and Present <p>Chair: Marian Zălogă</p>
15.45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.15	<p>Session 3a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rafael Năstase: The role of the evangelical church in the transformation of Roma communities from the south-east of Romania after 1990 • Valerie Judith Mitwali: More Than Just a Missed Opportunity: Anti-Romani Racism in the Post-Conciliar Roman Catholic Church • Camelia Badea, Dorin Buda, Crăciun Lăcătuş: Our daily bread: between solidarity and community development projects of religious actors for and with the Roma people • Julieta Rotaru: O soćő-semantikano rodipen pal-o alavipen vaś i robía le rromenqi (The organization of vocabulary for the institution of slavery in Romani čhib) <p>Chair: Daniela Popescu</p>	<p>Session 3b</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anca Enache, Iuliana Baldovin: Urban violence in Finland against Roma migrants • Anatolie Coşciug: The role of religion and religious identity among migrants upon return • Sorina Corman, Alin Croitoru: Current Roma Inclusion Policies in Romania: A Thematic Analysis • Annette Leis Peters, Stefan Tobler, Marius Crişan: Theology as resource of social inclusion • Jakob Mirwald: Network Sinti Roma Churches. Meeting as equals to face past and present challenges <p>Chair: Manuela Marin</p>
18.00	Short conclusions	



09.00	Opening	
09.10	<i>Keynote lecture</i>	Tatiana Podolinská , Institute of Ethnology and Social Anthropology of SAS, Bratislava: <i>"Possibilities of Social inclusion of Roma via Religious path: lessons from the field"</i>
09.55	"Good practice" - session	Pétur Thorsteinnsson (Germany) "On the road for Roma, Churches and Diakonia since 2008 - and now?" Fr. Athenagoras (Greece) "The intercultural education of the Roma of Dendrotamos – The Light House of the World as a good practice for education and social integration"
10.40	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00	Panel – Dialogue with the society: Lines of a good policy	Liliana Chiriac , Cluj Cristina Muntean , Sibiu Gruia Bumbu , Alba Iulia Marius Parno , Timisoara Marius Anescu , Râmnicu Vâlcea <i>Moderator: S. Tobler</i>
12.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14.00	Workshop with students and practitioners	Inger-Marie Lid (Oslo), Camelia Badea (Sibiu): <i>Participatory approaches. Dissemination of experiences from the PARI project</i>
15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.00	Concert by Roma children	Orchestra Matias , Jilava