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## Tracing the Legacies of the Roma Genocide: Families as Transmitters of Experience and Memory

**WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER**

13.30 Opening of the conference  
Celia Donert (University of Liverpool)  
and Eve Rosenhaft (University of Liverpool)

PANEL I  
**Families as Transmitters of Experience and Memory**

13.45–15.45  
Chair: Kateřina Čapková (Institute  
of Contemporary History, Prague)  
Volha Bartash (Hugo Valentin Centre,  
University of Uppsala):  
*The Holocaust in Three Generations? Transmitting  
Memories and Communicating Trauma in Romani  
Families in Belarus and Lithuania*  
Hanna Abakunova (University of Sheffield):  
*Memories of Persecution of Roma in Ukraine during the  
Second World War: Roma vs. non-Roma Perspectives*  
Lada Viková (Faculty of Humanities, Charles University):  
*‘Not being others’ and ‘Forgetting the Auschwitz  
Trauma’ as two chosen strategies in the postwar  
history of a Czech-Moravian Roma family*  
Slawomir Kapralski (Pedagogical University of Krakow):  
*Roma Family as an Ambiguous Frame of Memory*

15.45–16.15 Coffee break

16.30 Transfer (by bus) to Václav Havel Library  
(address: Ostrovní 13)

EXHIBITION OPENING  
17.30–18.00  
Eve Rosenhaft (Liverpool University),  
Jana Müller (Alternatives Jugendzentrum e.V. Dessau),  
Exhibition title:  
“...*don’t forget the photos, it’s very important...*”  
*The National Socialist Persecution of Central  
German Sinti and Roma*

DISCUSSION  
**The Roma Genocide: Living with the Past**  
18.00–19.00  
Chairs: Jana Horváthová (Museum of Romani Culture, Brno)  
Jana Müller (Alternatives Jugendzentrum e.V. Dessau)  
Participants in the discussion:  
Zdeněk Daniel (Jablonec nad Nisou)  
Mario Franz (Bad Iburg)  
Jan Hauer (Beroun)  
Hermann (Mano) and Else Höllenreiner (Mettenheim)  
Jiřina Somsiová (Olomouc)

Dinner for active conference participants at NYU in  
Prague (address: Ríchtrův dům, Malé náměstí 11)

**THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER**

PANEL II  
**Memory, Family Histories, and the State**  
9.00–10.45  
Chair: Yasar Abu Ghosh (Faculty of Humanities,  
Charles University)  
Ari Joskowicz (Vanderbilt University):  
*Judicial Testimony and Communal Memory:  
Pretrial Interviews with Romani Survivors  
in the Frankfurt Auschwitz Trials*

Petre Matei (Elie Wiesel National Institute for  
the Study of the Holocaust in Romania, Bucharest):  
*Roma in Romania and their Memories of the Holocaust  
– a Complicated Interplay between Survivors, Families,  
Activists and State*  
Eszter Varsa (Leibniz-Institute for East and Southeast  
European Studies, University of Regensburg):  
*Child protection authorities’ perception of Romani and  
non-Romani families in early state socialist Hungary*

10.45–11.15 Coffee break

PANEL III  
**The Destruction and Reconstruction  
of Community: Family Narratives**  
11.15–13.00

Chair: Ilse About (EHES, Paris)  
Viorel Achim (Nicolae Iorga Institute of History,  
Romanian Academy of Sciences, Bucharest):  
*Roma deported to Transnistria speaking about  
their suffering in petitions from 1943-44*  
Grégoire Cousin (Fondation Maison  
des Sciences de l’Homme):  
*Creating a community, sharing a history:  
Family narratives of Bessarabian Roma  
in France and Romania*  
Helena Sadílková / Milada Závodská  
(Museum of Roma Culture, Brno):  
*“After the liberation from the camp I returned to my  
country” (Leon Růžička). Two written testimonies  
(1958, 1980) by Romani Holocaust Survivors  
in Communist Czechoslovakia: Asserting  
a presence outside the private sphere*

13.00–14.00 Lunch break

PANEL IV  
**Private Memories and Commemorative Cultures**  
14.00–15.45  
Chair: Krista Hegburg (USHMM, Washington)  
Duřan Slačka (Museum of Roma Culture, Brno):  
*The Circumstances of Creation of Miroslav Bárta’s  
Short Documentary Motion Picture Nezapomeňte  
na tohle děvčátko (Don’t forget this little girl).*  
Jana Horváthová (Museum of Roma Culture, Brno):  
*Holocaust as Both a Family Trauma and an Impulse  
for the Institutionalisation of Research and  
Documentation, Remembrance and Assistance  
with Compensation Claims*  
Anne Klein (University of Cologne) / Thorsten Fehlberg  
(Bundesverband Information & Beratung für  
NS-Verfolgte e. V.):  
*Who speaks? Tracing the transmission of the Roma  
Genocide in private memory and commemorative culture*

15.45–16.30 Coffee break

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION  
16.30–18.00  
Chair: Celia Donert  
Participants:  
Jan Grill (Universidad del Valle, Cali)  
Ari Joskowicz (Vanderbilt University)  
Iulius Rostas (Central European University, Budapest)  
Čeněk Růžička (Committee for the Reparation of Romani  
Victims of the Holocaust, Czech Republic)  
Tara Zahra (University of Chicago)

18.30 Dinner (Villa Lanna)