

## European Academic Network on Romani Studies

### Gender, Ethnicity and Class in Roma Studies: Whither Intersectionality?

#### Timetable

	Thursday 11.05.2013	Friday 12.05.2013	Saturday 13.05.2013	Sunday 14.05.2013
9.00 -10.30	Arrival of the participants       Book launch*  Welcome Buffet	Opening word of organizers <b>Lecture nr.1</b> (Iulia Hasdeu)	<b>Lecture nr.3</b> (Elisabeth Tauber)	
<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>				<b>Round table with local experts</b>
11.00- 12.30		<b>Master class</b> (Iulia Hasdeu)  Carmen Gheorghe Crina Morteau Vera Kurtić	<b>Master class</b> (Elisabeth Tauber)  Csilla Daroczi Atanas Zahariev Miranda Ramova	
<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>				
14.00-15.30		<b>Lecture nr.2</b> (Gergö Pulay)	<b>Lecture nr.4</b> (Catalina Tesar)	Departure of participants
<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>				
16.00-17.30		<b>Master class</b> (Gergö Pulay)  Erzebet Gulyas Fejzula Sebijan Catalina Olteanu	<b>Master class</b> (Catalina Tesar)  Ana Maria Adascalitei Jelena Jovanovic	
			<b>Synthesis and concluding remarks</b>	
<b>EVENING EVENTS</b>		<b>Movie screening</b>		

\*Event organized by ISPMN (<http://www.ispmn.gov.ro/>) who kindly invited all the participants in the seminar to attend the launch of the Romanian translation of Martin Olivera's *Romanès ou l'intégration traditionnelle des Gabori de Transylvanie*. The event will be followed by a Welcome Buffet.

**Thursday, 11 April 2013**

Arrival of participants

**Book launch** (in the evening: time to be announced)

**Welcome Buffet**

**Friday, 12 April 2013**

**9:00 -10:30.** Opening word by organizers

**Lecture 1:** Iulia Hesdeu: *Roma gendered persons in European national and class society. Understandings from two researches*

**11:00- 12:30 Masterclass** (convener: Iulia Hasdeu)

Carmen Gheorghe: *Feminists approaches in defining Roma women's identities*

Crina Morteau: *Early-age marriages in Roma communities from Romania*

Vera Kurtić: *Roma lesbians and their communities in Serbia*

**14:00-15:30. Lecture 2**

Gergo Pulay *Street life and masculinity in a Bucharest neighborhood*

**16:00-17:30 Masterclass** (convener: Gergo Pulay)

Erzsébet Gulyás *Reproduction of social inequality through social housing programs in disadvantaged villages in North -East Hungary*

Sebijan Fejzula *The Educational experience of the Roma students in the Republic of Macedonia compared with the educational experience of African Americans in the United States related to the affirmative actions*

Catalina Olteanu *Protestantism in Romanian Roma communities: social or religious change?*

Evening: *Nyocker (The District)* – by Áron Gauder; Hungary, 2004; 87 min.

**Saturday, 13 April 2013**

**9:00-10:30. Lecture 3**

Elisabeth Tauber *Gender in daily life - gender neutrality among the defunct: Processes of endowment of meaning among the Sinti Estraixaria in North Italy*

**11:00-12:30. Masterclass** (convenor: Elisabeth Taubeur )

Anna Csilla Daróczi *What does a Romani woman look like? Representation of Romani women in contemporary Hungarian Yellow Press' images*

Atanas Zahariev *Becoming middle class Roma in Eastern Europe – intersection of gender, space, and class*

Miranda Ramova *The silent voices: Intersection of domestic violence towards Romani women in Macedonia*

**14:00-15:30 Lecture 4**

Cătălina Tesăr *Becoming Rom, becoming Romni. On the articulation of sex, gender and ethnic identity among Romanian Cortorari Roma*

**16:00-17:00 Masterclass** (convenor: Cătălina Tesăr)

Jelena Jovanović *Portraying “Romani women” in Croatian and Serbian internet forums*

Ana-Maria Adăscăliței *Social policy for Roma*

**17:30- 19:00. Synthesis and concluding remarks**

**Sunday, 14 April 2013**

**10:00-12:00. Round table with local experts**

## Short presentation of lectures

### Lecture nr.1

#### Roma gendered persons in European national and class society. Understandings from two researches

by Dr. **Iulia Hasdeu** (anthropologist, lecturer at the Gender Studies Institute – Sociology Department, University of Geneva)

As an introductory lecture, this presentation focuses on the understanding of the notion of “intersectionality” within the context of Roma studies. It raises a series of questions: How a post-colonial perspective on gender can be helpful in studying Roma populations? On what issues is women/men’s agency based? When, how, towards whom and with what discourse “can the subaltern [Roma] speak” (Spivak)? Two specific contexts where gender issues were studied will be used as examples.

### Lecture nr. 2

#### Street life and masculinity in a Bucharest neighborhood

by **Gergö Pulay**, (anthropologist, PhD candidate, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central European University)

In the mixed Roma and non-Roma Romanian marginal neighborhood of Bucharest, public space is a terrain of masculine dominance. Even if women are not invisible in the streets, most of the everyday practices that require durable presence outside are taking place in male-dominated hang-out groups in which women tend to be conceived as intruders. Within these groups solidarity is established on the shared experience of growing up and the triple mechanism of protection, control and promotion between peers. As these groups take on kinship-like features, they provide active grounds for negotiating the ambiguous relationship between the private and the public domains. The aim of the presentation is to contribute to debates on masculinity in conditions of urban marginality, with a special focus on the difficulties of conceptualizing forms of virility either as ‘fictions’, mere symptoms of impoverishment, or as core symbols of a society in which men and women are struggling to divide their labor in meaningful ways.

### Lecture nr. 3

#### Gender in daily life - gender neutrality among the defunct: Processes of endowment of meaning among the *Sinti Estraixaria* in North Italy

by Dr. **Elisabeth Tauber** (anthropologist, researcher, Free University of Bolzano, Center of Competence: Innovation and Quality in Social Professions)

This lecture is based on anthropological fieldwork in an North Italian “campo nomadi”. The presentation concentrates on *Sinti* interpretations of “respect for the death”, gender and age. It will look on how *Sinti* women advocate their female roles embodying the discourse of “the capable woman/wife” and how *Sinti* men “are proud of their wives” therefore taking up a minor economic responsibility. The presentation is extending to what *Sinti* call “the respect for the defunct” showing on how the concept of gender and age are neutralized the moment a person dies. Approaching the cultural universe of *mitteleuropean Sinti* calls for at least two levels

of analysis: relatedness among the living and its social construction of age and gender as the relatedness between the living and the defunct and its symbolic dimension of social cohesion.

#### Lecture nr.4

#### **Becoming *Rom*, becoming *Romni*. On the articulation of sex, gender and ethnic identity among Romanian *Cortorari* Roma**

by Dr. **Catalina Tesar** (anthropologist, researcher at the National Museum of the Romanian Peasant Bucharest, associate lecturer at SNSPA, Romania)

This lecture focuses on the process of transition from ethnography to theoretical conceptualization. It is based on a long-term anthropological fieldwork among the Romanian Romany speaking population of *Cortorari*, from Transylvania. It demonstrates how conceptions of body articulate notions of gender and ethnic identity which are embedded in the denominations of *Rom* and *Romni*. Female persons are acknowledged as *Cortorari* once they procreate inside the wedlock, after having made proof of their virginity. Similarly male persons are acknowledged ethnic belonging once they have married and begotten children.

#### **Presentation of Master-classes**

These classes offer the opportunity to Roma students to present their work and to receive feedback from the lecturers. Each master class is convened by one of the lecturers and hosts 2-3 students' presentations. The rest of the students will attend the class and participate in discussions. These classes aim at developing a dialogue between lecturers and students, as well as among students themselves.

#### **Synthesis and concluding remarks**

The four lecturers will convene a discussion aimed at briefing the themes which came up during the seminar, both in the masterclasses and in the lectures. We will discuss possibilities of bridging different theoretical perspectives on issues of gender, class and ethnicity.

#### **Round-table**

A closing round table will introduce and debate recent Romanian researches carried out either in one of the fields of gender, class and ethnicity, or at their intersection. It will also address possible outcomes of a collaboration between academic research and civic activism in fighting against both gender and racial-ethnic discrimination. Local experts will be invited to participate in the discussions.

#### **Movie screening evening**

*Nyocker (The District)* - Hungary, 2004, 87 min, directed by Áron Gauder is a caricaturistic animated film. Screening will create further opportunity for debating issues of gender, ethnicity and social class in respect to specific social, cultural and political context of a Budapest neighbourhood. It will stimulate informal debate on the theme of the seminar.