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7th Meeting of the Scientific Committee

The 7th Meeting of the Scientific Committee was held at the Council of Europe Paris Office on 7 November 2014.

Major points on the agenda of the meeting were:

- overview of the progress made in implementing the action plan adopted at the 6th SC Meeting and preview of the work schedule for the forthcoming activities;
- presentations and discussions on the current state of the work related to Roma in the Council of Europe;
- exchange on the future of the Network and its development options which will ensure the preservation of the legacy of the Network after the joint programme's term in May 2015.

Nordic Meeting of Network members

Swedish and Finnish members of Romani Academic Networks, as well as Swedish Roma activists and representatives of the Finnish National Board of Education, met at Södertörn University / Centre for Baltic and East European Studies (Sweden) on 8–9 December 2014.

During the two days, six oral presentations were held dealing with questions of Roma education, Pentecostalism, music, the image of Roma in films and strategies of Romani Studies in the Nordic countries. The presenters were PhD, Docent Kaj Åberg, PhD, Docent Kimmo Granqvist, MA Angelina Dimiter-Taikon, MA Elissavet Kaltsidou, Phil.Lic. Susanna Rajala, MA Raluca Bianca Roman, and PhD Christina Rodell-Olgaç. Additionally, discussions were carried out on Roma education, prejudices and stereotypes on Roma and future perspectives of Romani Studies.

(Brief by Kimmo Granqvist, organiser of this event.)

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The proposals received under the [Second Call](#) for events Bridging the Gap between Academia and Policy Making were also evaluated. The Network Secretariat received 10 proposals. The procedure of evaluation has been based on the criteria of evaluation published in the call and **6 proposals** were selected for funding.

For details on the meeting see the [report](#).

Katalin Kovalcsik Memorial Celebration and Conference

The Institute for Musicology, Research Centre for the Humanities of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences hosted a Conference and Celebration of the Life and Work of Katalin Kovalcsik entitled 'Musicology, Ethnography and Culture: The Roma as European People', Budapest, 12–13 December 2014.

The event was organised by Professor Michael Stewart (UCL and CEU). Colleagues and students of Katalin Kovalcsik presented scientific papers on issues connected to her research in musicology, dance, folklore, and language. There was also an open session for remembrance with personal recollections, and a memorial celebration with Romani music performed by Péter Boda and the Romengo Ensemble.

Katalin Kovalcsik was a founding member of the European Academic Network on Romani Studies. She passed away in January 2013.

Recent publications in the field of Romani studies (reports/volumes/studies)

Reports

- 📖 Isabelle CHOPIN, Lilla FARKAS, and Catharina GERMAINE: [*Ethnic Origin and Disability Data Collection in Europe: Measuring Inequality—Combating Discrimination*](#), Open Society Foundation, New York, 2014.
 ⚡ Download the report:
<http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/sites/default/files/ethnic-origin-and-disability-data-collection-europe-20141126.pdf>
- 📖 FRA - European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights '[*Addressing forced marriage in the EU: legal provisions and promising practices*](#)', Vienna, 2014.
 ⚡ Download the report:
http://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra-2014-forced-marriage-eu_en.pdf.pdf
- 📖 IOM - International Organization for Migration: [*Migration Initiatives 2015: Regional Strategies*](#), Geneva, 2014.
 ⚡ Download the report:
http://publications.iom.int/bookstore/index.php?main_page=redirect&action=url&goto=publications.iom.int%2Fbookstore%2Ffree%2FMigration_Initiatives2015.pdf
- 📖 Daniela SIME, Giovanna FASSETTA, and Michele McCLUNG: [*Roma families' engagement with education and other services in Glasgow*](#), University of Strathclyde and Glasgow City Council, 2014.
 ⚡ Download the report:
http://strathprints.strath.ac.uk/50710/1/Sime_etal_roma_families_engagement_with_education.pdf

Podcast

- 🔊 Yaron MATRAS: [*The myths and facts about Roma migration*](#), The Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 2014.

Working papers

- 📖 Milena DOYTCHEVA: [*Roma migrants in the public arena: between media coverage and politicization*](#), TEPIS PAPERS 5, Laboratory of Excellence TEPIS, Paris, 2014.
 ⚡ Download full text: <https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-01072044/document>
- 📖 Iulius-Cezar MACARIE: [*Half-in, Half-out: Roma and Non-Roma Romanians with Limited Rights Working and Travelling in the European Union*](#), INTEGRIM Online Papers 8/2014.
 ⚡ Download full text:
<http://cps.ceu.hu/sites/default/files/publications/half-inhalf-out.pdf>

Studies / chapters

- 📖 Ermira KAMBERI, Borja MARTINOVIC, and Maykel VERKIYTEN: [*Life satisfaction and happiness among the Roma in Central and Southeastern Europe*](#), *Social Indicators Research. Advance online publication*. doi: 10.1007/s11205-014-0783-7.
- 📖 Evangelia ADAMOU & Kimmo GRANQVIST: [*Unevenly Mixed Romani Languages*](#), *International Journal of Bilingualism*. Published online before print, 2014. doi: 10.1177/1367006914524645
- 📖 Maria-Carmen PANTEA: [*On pride, shame, passing and avoidance: an inquiry into Roma young people's relationship with their ethnicity*](#) *Identities*, *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*, Volume 21, Issue 5, 2014. doi:10.1080/1070289X.2014.920708

Journal Issues

- 📖 *Romani Studies*, Volume 24, Number 2 / October 2014. See [content online](#).
- 📖 *Ethnicities*, Volume 14 (6), December 2014. Special Issue: *Political and Social Mobilisation: Squaring the Circle of Roma Inclusion*, Guest editors: Annabel TREMLETT, Timofey AGARIN and Aidan McGARRY. See [content online](#).

Books and edited volumes

- 📖 Frank REUTER: [*Der Bann des Fremden. Die fotografische Konstruktion des »Zigeuners«*](#), Wallstein Verlag, Göttingen 2014.
- 📖 Julia SZALAI and Claire SCHIFF (eds.) [*Migrant, Roma and Post-Colonial Youth in Education across Europe. Being 'Visibly Different'*](#), Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke, 2014.
- 📖 Aurélie WINDELS & Carine FOUTEAU & Éric FASSIN & Serge GUICHARD: [*Roms & riverains. Une politique municipale de la race*](#), La Fabrique editions, Paris, 2014.
- 📖 Milovan PISARRI: [*The Suffering of the Roma in Serbia during the Holocaust*](#), Forum for Applied History, Belgrade, 2014. (⚡ Download free e-book: <http://www.fpi.rs/blog/wp-content/uploads/The-Suffering-of-the-Roma-in-Serbia-during-the-Holocaust-e-book.pdf>)
- 📖 Maja MISKOVIC (ed.) [*Roma Education in Europe: Practices, policies and politics*](#), Routledge, Philadelphia, 2013.

Past and upcoming events of the Network

Past events

- *Bringing History and Policy into Dialogue in Romani Studies*: the workshop was organised in Liverpool as part of the Bridging the Gap between Academia and Policy Makers events, 10–11 October 2014. See [report](#).
- *Strengths and challenges of the policies for Gitanos/Roma in Spain*, organised as part of the event-series Bridging the Gap between Policy Making and Academia, Parliament of Catalonia, Barcelona, 17 October 2014. See [report](#).
- *Access of Roma to housing: Housing First vs Housing Ready': conference and seminar organized* within the framework of the Bridging the Gap between Academia and Policy Makers call for proposals, Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague, 21–22 October 2014. See [report](#).
- *Ethnicity: a political, social and/or cultural construct. The work, vision and contribution of Nicolae Gheorghe in understanding the Roma*, organised as part of the Bridging the Gap between Academia and Policy Makers events, Bucharest, The Museum of Romani Culture, 12 November 2014.
- The Network has been represented by Professor Peter Vermeersch at the Working Meeting on the European Platform for Roma Inclusion, Brussels, 25 November 2014. See the [report prepared by the EC](#).
- *Seminar Series Crime and Health* took place as part of the Bridging the Gap between Academia and Policy Making events in London, 3–4 December 2014. See [programme](#).
- The Network Secretary attended a Consultation Meeting with the European Commission, DG Justice, Brussels on 10 December, 2014. Discussions focused on the contribution by the civil society on the implementation of the National Roma Integration Strategies. See [report](#).

Upcoming events

- Seminars and workshops organised within the framework of the Bridging the Gap between Academia and Policy Making call for proposals
 - *Roma as a political subject: Between Citizenship Status, National Minority and Vulnerable Group*, Bucharest, 2– 3 February 2015.
 - *Social policies on schooling levels of Ciganos / Gypsies in Portugal*, Porto, February 2015.
 - *Roma integration on local level: discussion of academics and mayoral candidates in Vilnius*, February 2015.
 - *Safeguarding Roma children: is it a cultural problem?*, Manchester, 25 February 2015.
 - *The role of informal education in the social inclusion of Roma*, Budapest, 26 March 2015.
 - *Enhancing Roma Participation in Public Policy in Slovakia*, Bratislava, 26–27 March 2015.
 - *Pathways of Roma Housing Inclusion: Practices and Tools between Research and Policy*, Turin, 26–27 March 2015.
- Network Showcase Event on '*Policies for Roma inclusion: The contribution of academic research*' at the European Youth Centre, Council of Europe in Strasbourg, on 22 April 2014.

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