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Villa Lanna, Prague, 20-21 September 2017

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: Ríchnrův 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)
Dušan 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)