

Invitation for digital participants on Zoom

International Conference on the Genocide of the Roma and Combating
Antigypsyism, 20–21 October 2022 in Stockholm / on Zoom

Date: 20 October 13:00 CEST – 21 October 13:00 CEST

Organizer: Swedish IHRA Presidency.

Venue: Government Offices, Drottninggatan 4 – Stockholm, Sweden

Background

Antigypsyism has existed for centuries. It was an essential element in the persecution and annihilation policies against Roma during the Second World War, and it remains a multifaceted phenomenon that has widespread social and political acceptance. Such acceptance may, in turn, contribute to a lack of political and policy focus, research, and funding opportunities. Nearly 80 years after the Second World War, historical questions about the genocide of the Roma remain unanswered, public awareness and research insufficient, and survivors have had few opportunities to share their stories and to report their experiences and observations.

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) has an important role to play in the advancement of education, remembrance, and research on the Roma genocide. In line with this, the IHRA has an expert committee that is focused entirely on the genocide of the Roma, and in the 2020 Ministerial Declaration, IHRA Member Countries pledged to “remember the genocide of the Roma” and acknowledged “with concern that the neglect of this genocide has contributed to the prejudice and discrimination that many Roma communities still experience today”. This was followed up by the adoption of a working definition of antigypsyism/anti-Roma discrimination in 2021.

Objectives

Against this background, the Swedish IHRA Presidency is organizing an international conference in Stockholm on 20-21 October 2022. One objective of the conference is to take stock of existing research on the genocide of the Roma, and to identify obstacles, gaps, and needs, as well as share IHRA knowledge and recommendations, stimulate cooperation, and proactively work together for impact. The conference also aims to highlight developments in research on how the genocide of the Roma is linked to the prejudice and discrimination that many Roma face today. Topics for discussion include historical perspectives on antigypsyism and the genocide of the Roma in the Nordic, issues concerning testimonies and recognition, and how education can contribute to combating antigypsyism today.

In addition, the conference will provide possibilities for researchers and Roma organizations to interact and discuss the themes of the conference, in line with the motto of the Swedish Presidency, *“Together for Impact – Promoting Holocaust remembrance and combating antisemitism and antigypsyism through cooperation and dialogue”*.

Find attached the program of the conference.

Invited actors

- Academic and research institutions
- IHRA experts
- IHRA Member Countries
- IHRA Permanent International Partners
- Roma organizations and experts

Registration

The registration to follow the conference via Zoom is open to a broader audience. Please register here: [Registration - Physical Participation](#)

Please note that this is the registration for the physical participants at the conference. Note also that this invitation to the physical part of the conference is personal. In case the invitation has been issued to an organization, the participation is limited to one representative per organization.

The DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION is 14 October 2022.

A light lunch will be served before the first session the first day and after the last session the second day. A reception will be held in the same venue 18.00-20.30 on 20 October.

If you have any questions, please contact the Secretariat of the Swedish IHRA Presidency: se.ihra-presidency@gov.se