

International Conference on the Genocide of the Roma and
Combating Antigypsyism – Research and Expert Conference
20-21 October 2022, Stockholm

Day 1, 20 October (half day)

13.00-13.30 Introduction

- *Welcome address by Ambassador Ann Bernes, Chair of the IHRA*
- *Speech by Soraya Post, ex-Member of the European Parliament*
- *Speech by Teodor Mutto, Roma survivor*

13.30-14.30 Session I, Part 1: The Genocide of the Roma in Europe – Research perspectives and new approaches

The first part of the session covers an introduction to new approaches in the field of research on the genocide of the Roma, highlighting the importance of collecting and sustaining Roma testimonies and taking into account the internationalisation of the discourse of remembrance. The session also includes presentations of current research.

- *Introduction by Gerhard Baumgartner (Documentation Centre of Austrian Resistance, Austria)*
- *Presentations by Hanna Abakunova (Uppsala University, Sweden/Ukraine), Milovan Pissarri (Institute of Philosophy and Social Theory, Italy/Serbia)*

(14.30-15.00 Coffee break)

15.00-16.30 Session I, Part 2: Experiences of Roma in the Nordic region – Historical research

The second part of the session covers research presentations dealing with the experiences of Roma in the Nordic region in connection to the genocide of the Roma and historical accounts of antigypsyism.

- *Introduction by Andrej Kotljarchuk (Uppsala University, Sweden)*
- *Presentations by Maria Rosvoll (HL Senteret, Norway), Steffen Werther (Södertörn University, Sweden/Denmark), Florance Fröblig (Södertörn University, Sweden)*

(16.30-16.45 Short break)

16.45-18.00 Session II: Recognition, terminology and remembrance – Panel discussion

Forty years after Germany's recognition of the genocide of the Roma, the question of recognizing the fate of the European Roma is still being discussed. In 2015 the European Parliament established 2 August as the European Roma Holocaust Memorial Day. The Session covers research and expert perspectives on the use of terminology as Samudaripen, Genocide and Holocaust as well as the question of why recognition matters.

- *Introduction by Jonathan Mack (Central Council of German Sinti and Roma, Germany)*
- *Panel discussion with Alenka Janko Spreizer (IHRA-expert, University of Primorska, Slovenia), Andrej Kotljarchuk (Uppsala University, Sweden), Saimir Mile (La Voix des Roms, France), Fred Taikon (E Romani Glinda, Sweden)*

Day 2, 21 October (half day)

9.00-9.15 Introduction Day 2 – Antigypsyism in Europe today

- *Presentation by Bernard Rorke (European Roma Rights Center)*

9.15-10.15 Session III: Processes on recognition of antigypsyism

The session covers experiences from processes of recognition and white paper reports carried out in Europe, including in the Nordic region.

- *Presentations by Diana Nyman (Roma expert, White Paper, Sweden), Thomas Hammarberg (former Chair of the Commission Against Antigypsyism, Sweden), Silas Kröpf (German Commission on Antigypsyism), Expert (Chachipen project – TBC)*

(10.15-10.30 Coffee break)

10.30-11.30 Session IV: Education to prevent antigypsyism

Several initiatives and organisations throughout Europe are focusing on educational work to prevent antigypsyism and the IHRA is preparing recommendations for teaching and learning on the genocide of the Roma to support such efforts. The session looks at the development within the educational field, with good examples.

- *Introduction by Misko Stanisic (IHRA-expert, Terraforming, Serbia)*
- *Presentations by Ana Rožanova (ERGO Network), Satu Florin (Dikh He Na Bister, Finland)*

(11.30-11.45 Coffee break)

11.45-12.45 Session V: Moving forward to promote research, education and remembrance

The session covers the key take-aways of the conference and points to steps that relevant stakeholders (regional actors, countries, international organizations like the IHRA, research institutions, civil society etc) should consider in order to further promote research, education and remembrance of the genocide of the Roma going forward.

- *Panel discussion with: Mirjam Karoly (IHRA-Expert, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Austria), Stephane Laederich (IHRA-Expert, Roma Foundation in Zurich, Switzerland), Miranda Vuolasranta (European Roma and Travellers Forum), Timea Junghaus (European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture)*

12.45-13.00 Closing remarks

- *Stefano Kuzhiov, Roma representative, Sweden*
- *Ambassador Ann Bernes, Chair of the IHRA*