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# **Tracing the Legacies** of the Roma Genocide: Families as Transmitters of Experience and Memory

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#### Programme

#### WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER

13.30 Opening of the conference Celia Donert (University of Liverpool) and Eve Rosenhaft (University of Liverpool)

#### PANEL I

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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: Richtrův 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 M   | atei (Elie Wiesel National Institute for          |
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| the Stud  | ly of the Holocaust in Romania, Bucharest):       |
| Roma      | a in Romania and their Memories of the Holocaust  |
| – a Co    | omplicated Interplay between Survivors, Families, |
| Activ     | ists and State                                    |
| Eszter V  | arsa (Leibniz-Institute for East and Southeast    |
| Europea   | an Studies, University of Regensburg):            |
| Child     | protection authorities' perception of Romani and  |
| non-I     | Romani families in early state socialist Hungary  |
| 10.45–1   | 1.15 Coffee break                                 |
| PANEL     | Ш   |
| The Des   | struction and Reconstruction                      |
| of Com    | munity: Family Narratives                         |
| 11.15–13  | 3.00  |
| Chair: Il | sen About (EHESS, Paris)                          |
| Viorel A  | chim (Nicolae Iorga Institute of History,         |
| Romani    | an Academy of Sciences, Bucharest):               |
| Roma      | a deported to Transnistria speaking about         |
| their     | suffering in petitions from 1943-44               |
| Grégoir   | e Cousin (Fondation Maison                        |
| des Scie  | nces de l'Homme):                                 |
| Creat     | ting a community, sharing a history:              |
| Fami      | ly narratives of Bessarabian Roma                 |
| in Fra    | ance and Romania                                  |
| Helena    | Sadílková / Milada Závodská                       |
| (Museu    | m of Roma Culture, Brno):                         |
| "After    | r the liberation from the camp I returned to my   |
| count     | try" (Leon Růžička). Two written testimonies      |
| (1958     | 8, 1980) by Romani Holocaust Survivors            |

13.00–14.00 Lunch break

in Communist Czechoslovakia: Asserting a presence outside the private sphere

#### 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)