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Cover: Deportation of Sinti and Roma from Asperg, Germany (May 22, 1940). Bundesarchiv R 165 Bild-244-52
This interdisciplinary international symposium showcases new and emerging scholarship on Roma and the Holocaust across Europe. Scholars in the field will present their research on the prewar persecution of Roma, the decimation of Romani communities in the Holocaust, and its effects on Roma in the war’s aftermath.
RESPONDENT
Nadine Blumer, SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for Ethnographic Research and Exhibition in the Aftermath of Violence, Concordia University and 2013–14 Cummings Foundation Fellow, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

11:45 a.m.–Break

12:45 p.m.

Panel 2: Roma in the Concentration Camps

CHAIR
Volha Bartash, Research Fellow, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, University of Helsinki and 2013–14 Jeff and Toby Herr Fellow, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

PRESENTERS
Steffen Jost, PhD candidate, Department of History, Munich Ludwig Maximilian University
Sinti and Roma in German Concentration Camps: Old Problems and New Perspectives on a Neglected Field

Patricia Pientka, PhD candidate, Department of History, Humboldt University Berlin
The Internment Camp for Sinti and Roma in Berlin-Marzahn: Everyday Life, Persecution and Deportation

Paola Trevisan, Researcher, Sinti Association Thém Romanó of Reggio Emilia
“Gypsies” in Fascist Italy: From Expelled Foreigners to Dangerous Italians

RESPONDENT
Andrej Kotljarchuk, Researcher, School of Historical and Contemporary Studies, Södertörn University

2–3:15 p.m.

Panel 3: Justice and Memory in the Aftermath

CHAIR
Michelle Kelso, Assistant Professor of Sociology and International Affairs, Department of Sociology, George Washington University and 2008–09 Charles H. Revson Fellow, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

PRESENTERS
Anna Abakunova, PhD Candidate, Department of History, Dnipropetrovsk National University
The Deportation and Annihilation of Roma in Transnistria during the Holocaust: Reconstruction of Roma Individual Memory

Michal Schuster, Lecturer, Institute of History, Masaryk University and Historian and Curator, Museum of Romani Culture
The Prosecution of Individuals Responsible for the Racial Persecution of Czech Roma

Terézia Szűcs, Research Fellow, Department of Modern Hungarian Literature, Eötvös Loránd University
The Remembrance and Representation of the Roma Holocaust in Menyhért Lakatos’s The Color of Smoke

RESPONDENT
Ari Joskowicz, Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies and European Studies, Department of History, Vanderbilt University and 2013–14 Diane and Howard Wohl Fellow, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

3:15–3:30 p.m. Break
3:30–4:45 p.m.  Panel 4: Roma and the Holocaust in Commemoration and Pedagogy

CHAIR
Krista Hegburg, Program Officer, Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

PRESENTERS
Danny M. Cohen, Assistant Professor of Instruction, School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University
Teaching about the Porajmos: Guidelines for Including the Roma and Sinti Victims of Nazism within Holocaust Education

Anna Szász, PhD candidate, Department of Sociology, Eötvös Loránd University
Exploring the Memory of the Roma Holocaust in Hungary

Joanna Talewicz-Kwiatkowska, Lecturer, Intercultural Studies Institute, Jagiellonian University
Forgotten Holocaust? Memorializing the Genocide of European Roma

RESPONDENT
Ethel Brooks, Associate Professor, Departments of Women’s and Gender Studies and Sociology, Rutgers University and Member, United States Delegation to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

4:45 p.m.  Closing Remarks

Romani survivors of Auschwitz with their horses (Straubing, Germany, 1945–46). US Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of Joseph Eaton