

New Wine in Old Wineskins? Current Aspects of Religious Identities and Diversities of Roma Minority in Slovakia

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types of Roma religiosity in Slovakia (Zachar Podolinská 2021)

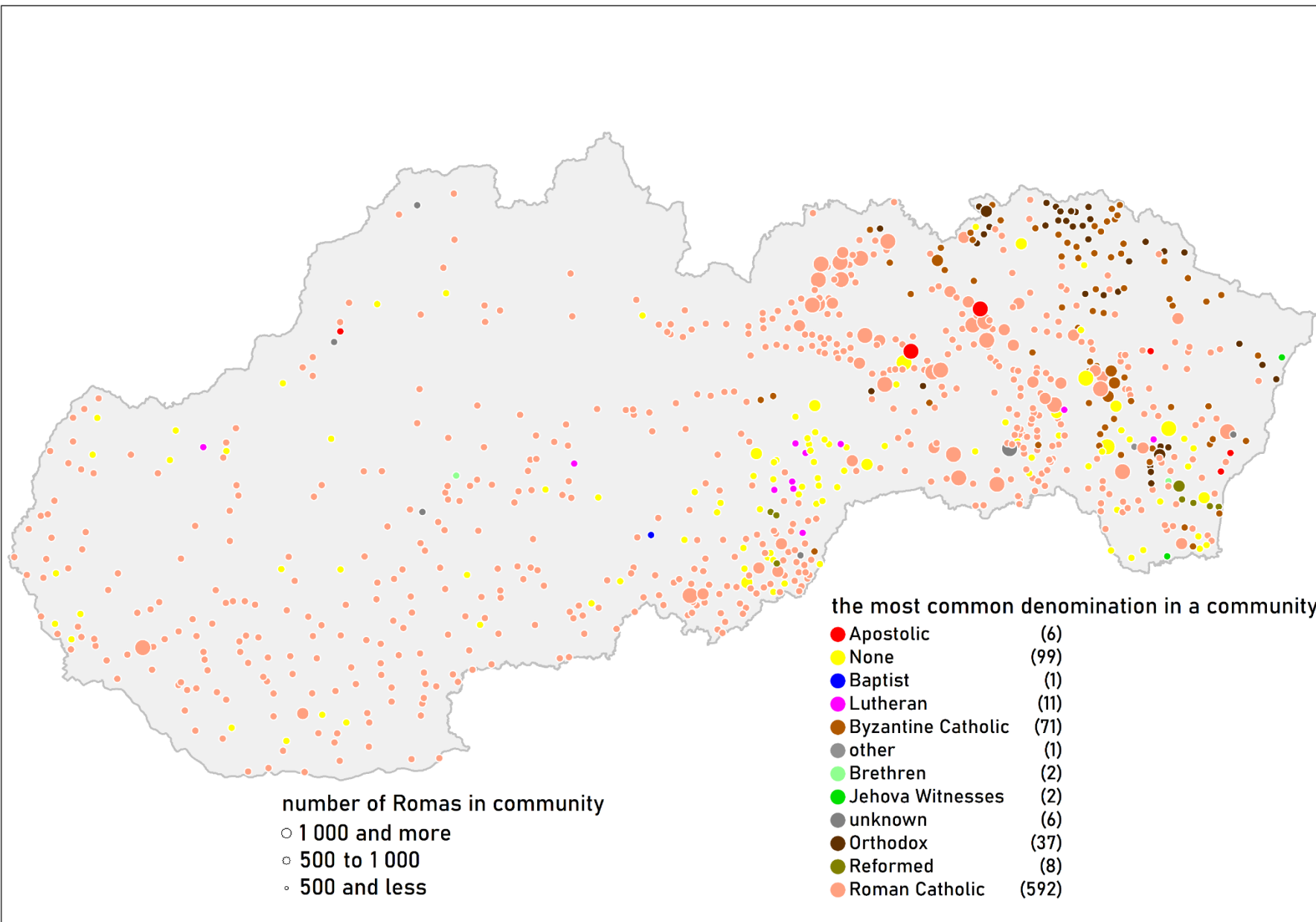
- traditional Roma Christianity
- non-traditional Roma Christianity
- post-modern religiosity

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- denominational breakdown of major ethnic groups in Slovakia in 2021 in %

ethnicity/denomination	Roman Catholic	None	Lutheran	Byzantine Catholic	Orthodox	Reformed	Jehova Witnesses
Roma	60.2	18.4	1.4	6.5	2.75	1.2	1.4
Slovak	59.2	25.6	6.0	4.1	0.72	0.55	0.27
Hungarian	62.3	17.1	1.7	1.9	0	14	0.53
Ruthenian	2.3	7.9	0	55.8	32.3	0	0.3

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- Changes in religious diversity index of ethnic groups in Slovakia

	diversity index (0-100) in 2001	diversity index (0-100) in 2021
Slovak	51.5	42.3
Roma	59.3	40.4
Hungarian	55.8	43.7
Ruthenian	44.0	42.2

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- Denominational breakdown of Romas in Slovakia

	year 2001	year 2021
Roman Catholic	76.2	60.8
Byzantine Catholic	6.4	7.3
Lutheran	1.1	1.5
Apostolic	0.2	1.9
Jehova's Witnesses	1.6	1.3
Brethren	0.3	1.1
nones	7.6	17.5
absolute	89k	155k

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- Age structure of main ethnic groups and two largest denominations in 2021 in Slovakia

Roman-Catholic	0-14 yrs	65+	Total
Roma	62.4 %	64.2 %	60.1 %
Hungarians	58.7 %	69.5 %	62.3 %
Slovaks	60.7 %	66.1 %	59.4 %

nones	0-14 yrs	65+	total
Roma	19 %	15.3 %	18.5 %
Hungarians	21.3 %	9.4 %	17.1 %
Slovaks	25.5 %	17.5 %	25.7 %

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proportion of university educated in Slovakia in 2021

	Roman Catholics	nones
Roma	47 %	28.3 %
Slovaks	52.4 %	33.2 %
Hungarians	57.1 %	20 %

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denominational breakdown of Romas in Bratislava

	Roman Catholic		nones	
	2001	2021	2001	2021
Roma	57.6 %	41.5 %	18.2 %	38.6 %
Slovak	57.4 %	41.7 %	30 %	48 %
Hungarian	73.8 %	58.4%	13.2 %	28.2 %

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The God between the Barriers. Social Inclusion of the Roma through Religion



PODOLINSKÁ, Tatiana – HRUSTIČ, Tomáš: Boh Medzi bariérami. Sociálna inklúzia Rómov náboženskou cestou [The God between the Barriers. Social Inclusion of the Roma through Religion]. Institute of Ethnology SAS, Bytča: Coreta, 2010. 174 pp. ISBN-978-80-89027-34-7.

The publication provides a unique and thorough insight in the activities of large, small, registered as well as unregistered religious organizations and churches in regard to the Roma population in Slovakia. It focuses on its possibilities and effectivity in the process of social inclusion of Roma people.

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