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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
THE ROMA CIVIC MOVEMENT IN EUROPE BETWEEN 1900 AND 1945
FEBRUARY 6, 2026

Venue:

Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (IEFSEM – BAS)
Winter Garden, 6A Moskovska Street, Sofia, Bulgaria

Online participation (Zoom):

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PROGRAM

09:00 – 09:15 | Opening Session

- Welcome address by the Director of the Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum, BAS
- Hyusein Kyuchuk (University of Silesia) – Opening remarks

09:15 – 10:00 | Keynote Lecture

Elena Marushiakova & Veselin Popov

(Institute of Ethnology and Social Anthropology, Slovak Academy of Sciences)

Roma Civic Emancipation and Political Subjectivisation

10:00 – 10:15 | Coffee Break

10:15 – 11:45 | Session I: Early Roma Civic Initiatives



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Chair: Elena Marushiakova

10:15 – 10:45

James Deutsch (Smithsonian Institution, USA)

English-language Articles on the 1905 Congress

10:45 – 11:15

Plamena Stoyanova (Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum, BAS)

Roma Organisations in Bulgaria in the First Half of the 20th Century

11:15 – 11:45

Magdalena Slavkova (IEFSEM–BAS & Institute of Ethnology and Social Anthropology, Slovak Academy of Sciences)

Roma Women's Activism within Evangelical Communities in Bulgaria before World War II

11:45 – 12:00 | Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:00 | Session II: Regional Perspectives

Chair: Elena Marushiakova

12:00 – 12:30

Sofiya Zahova (Vigdís International Centre for Multilingualism and Intercultural Understanding, School of Humanities, University of Iceland)

The Roma Movement in Yugoslavia before World War II: Key Personalities and Trends

12:30 – 13:00

Tamas Hajnaczky (Archiepiscopal College of Veszprém & Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church, Hungary)

The Genesis of the Roma Movement in Hungary: Historical Facts and Beyond Stereotypes

13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch Break

14:00 – 17:00 | Round Table Discussion

“The Roma Civic Movement through the Eyes of the Roma Community”



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Moderator: Hyusein Kyuchuk

Participants:

- Dr. Dimitrina Demireva (Bulgaria)
- Sonia Styrkasz, PhD candidate (Poland)
- Ivan Ivanov, PhD candidate (Bulgaria)
- Ognyan Isaev, PhD candidate (Bulgaria)
- Mihail Mishev, MA (Bulgaria)

17:00 | Closing Session

Hyusein Kyuchuk – Closing remarks