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Institute for South-East European Studies
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Workshop: "Historical demography, family and household forms in Southeastern Europe"

Date: October 26-27, 2018

Venue: Romanian Academy, Institute for South East European Studies,
Calea 13 Septembrie, nr. 13, 050711, Bucharest, Romania

Organizers: Centre for Baltic and east European Studies (CBEEES), Södertörn University, Stockholm, and Institute for South-East European Studies (ISEES), Romanian Academy, Bucharest

Abstract

The objective of the workshop is to review the current literature and to further analyze the historical demography, history of family and kinship in the Southeast Europe, and more specifically, the family forms, geographic settlement patterns and socio-economic structure of the Romani ethnic peoples in this area. Whereas there is a general lack of social historical research on the Romani peoples of Southeastern Europe, the research on Southeast European demographics, in general, may form a frame for further analysis in Romani studies. Comparative research on European family and household structure developed in the 1960s and 1970s, such as Peter Laslett of Cambridge University, proposed that the small nuclear family limited to parents and young children was unique for North-Western Europe while the large extended family was typical for Eastern Europe (Laslett 1983). The British-Hungarian statistician John Hajnal discovered that there were two European marriage patterns (Hajnal 1965) and household forms (Hajnal 1983). Specifically, in Eastern Europe women and men married at a very young age, gave birth to many children, lived in households that were larger than in Western Europe, included both members of an elder generation and at times the families of siblings and other kin. These dichotomies have since been subject to considerable further research in the work of Karl Kaser who focuses on Balkan comparative historical demography

(Kaser 1994). The workshop aims to provide the scholars working in Romani studies with the information for further investigation and comparative analysis of: size and composition of family and household structure for the Roms; the ages at marriage, age differences between spouses, ages of mothers at birth of eldest surviving child; the geographic spreading of the Roms within the villages; the population size and distribution of the Roms in the Balkans; information on the occupations of the Roms as well as the name of their sub-groups, the noteworthy differences between the various occupational groups designated as agricultural laborers, musicians, smiths, Rudari, Ursari, etc.

There will be 13 invited scholars from various fields (historic demography, social history, Romani studies, etc). This workshop is thought in connection with the Östersjöstiftelsen funded ongoing project, “Mapping the Roma communities in 19th century Wallachia”, drawing on underutilized and inedited statistics of the population from that period.

The papers will be presented by each author during the 2 days workshop in Bucharest in plenary session. Each presentation may be of 30 minutes, with 10 minutes Q&A.

Participants:

- 1) Dr. Andrei Timotin
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- 2) Prof. David Gaunt
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- 3) Dr. Julieta Rotaru
Senior Researcher, Centre for Baltic and east European Studies (CBEES), Södertörn
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- 4) Ryan Dias,
lecturer, IT, Södertörn University, Stockholm

- 5) Prof. Dr. Karl Kaser,
Chair, Southeast European History and Anthropology, Karl-Franzens-University of
Graz

- 6) Dr. Siegfried Gruber
Southeast European History and Anthropology, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz

- 7) Prof. Irina Troitskaia
Professor, Center for Population Studies, Lomonosov Moscow State University
- 8) Dr. Stelu Serban
Senior Researcher, Institute for South East European Studies (ISSE), Romanian Academy, Bucharest
- 9) Dr. Lia Brad Chisacof
Senior Researcher, Institute for South East European Studies (ISSE), Romanian Academy, Bucharest
- 10) Prof. Univ. Dr. Dinică Ciobotea
University of Craiova
- 11) Dr. Gabriel Croitoru
Senior Researcher, “C.S. Nicolaescu-Plopsor” Institute for Social and Humanities research, Craiova
- 12) Dr. Bogdan Mateescu
Senior Researcher, “Nicolae Iorga” Institute of History, Romanian Academy, Bucharest
- 13) Prof. Radu Stefan Vergatti,
“Wallachia” University, Ploiesti, member of the Romanian Academy of the Scientists.
- 14) Dr. Adrian Dima, parish priest, the Parish of Dobreni, Giurgiu County

Program

26 OCTOBER

9.00-9.20 Opening of the workshop: Andrei Timotin

9.20-10.00: Karl Kaser: *Family Geographies and Family Contexts in Southeastern Europe*

10.00-10.40: Siegfried Gruber: *Historical demography in early 20th century Albania: Albanians and Roma compared*

10.40-11.20: Radu Stefan Vergatti: *Demographics and realities for the families of nineteenth century Wallachia*

11.20-11.40 coffee break

11.40-12.20: Julieta Rotaru: *Specifics of the “Census of the population or Statistics of Wallachia in 1838”*

12.20-13.40: David Gaunt and Ryan Dias: *Preliminary results of the MAPROM project*

13.40—15.30 LUNCH

27 OCTOBER

9.00-9.40: Irina Troitskaia: *Russian state policy on Roma population in the 19th century*

9.40-10.20: Dinică Ciobotea and Gabriel Croitoru: *Statistical Information on Socio-Demographic Structures in Oltenia as reflected in the Virmondiana Conscription*

10.20-11.00: Bogdan Mateescu: *Romanians and Roma in 1838 urban Wallachia. Patterns of coresidence*

11.00-11.20 coffee break

11.20-12.00: Lia Brad Chisacof: *The Gipsy Issue in a 1841 Romanian Report*

12.00-12.40: Stelu Serban: *Sedentarization of the 'Rudari' in socialist and postsocialist Bulgaria*

12.40-13.20: Adrian Dima: reserved title

13.30—15.30 LUNCH