

Institute for Minority Studies

Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences,

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invite you to the workshop entitled

Faced with multiple "values" - from the perspective of the Roma LGBTQI community

In August 2015 the first ever Roma LGBTQI conference took place in Prague, bringing together academics, NGO representatives, and activists working in the field. This event contributes to continuing the discussion about the experiences of Roma LGBTQI people.

Although there is extensive academic literature as well as public discussion about the Roma and LGBTQI people, the particular subgroup of LGBTQI Roma is often surrounded by a lack of awareness, taboo, and thus invisibility. Some existing sources have argued that the inherent "deviance" of these two minorities are genetically coded. Others believe that socio-economic, cultural, linguistic, and "lifestyle" elements are what separate these groups from the majority.

This discussion looks at the topic through the lens of multiple (or intersectional) discrimination and argues that Roma LGBTQI people are subject to particular forms of oppression at the intersection of racism, xenophobia, homophobia, and transphobia. The presentations will provide an overview of intersections of marginalized identities and will discuss the particular workings of oppression and identity forming of Roma LGBTQI people. The particular example of the Czech Republic will be examined, where the first ever Roma LGBT organization was founded.

Tuesday, 8 September 2015, 11.00 am

at the Institute for Minority Studies 1014 Budapest, Országház u. 30., 3rd floor

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Chair:

Judit Takács (Institute for Sociology, Centre for Social Sciences, HAS) http://tk.mta.hu/en/researcher/takacs-judit

Lecturers:

Dodo Karsay Human rights consultant, researcher, board member of the Hungarian LGBT Alliance (Hungary):

Overview: intersectional identities and movement building

Lucie Fremlova PhD, researcher (University of Brighton):

Multiple marginalisations, intersectionality and identity: research with LGBT Roma

David Tišer, director of AraArt, researcher, filmmaker (Czech Republic):

Roma LGBT in Czech Republic

20 minutes open discussion

Concluding remarks by Judit Takács

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