Roma Health and Policy: Equality and Participation
Executive workshop
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Dear course participants,

Substantial evidence suggests that the health status of Roma is significantly less favorable than that of the general population independent of the country in which they live. Despite various policy initiatives and targeted interventions in many European countries, progress has been limited in reducing health inequalities endured by Roma. This five-day executive workshop in Budapest, co-organized by Open Society Foundations’ Public Health Program and CEU’s Global Policy Academy, gathers public health professionals, experts and civil society representatives from the region to share expertise and resources relevant to improving Roma health and to define future collaborative interventions that support Roma inclusion in national health policies.

This will be an opportunity to take stock of our collective knowledge and build upon it. In particular, the workshop will help you to understand the mechanisms of exclusion of Roma from health services and to analyze the two approaches in policy making towards Roma in healthcare – needs-
based and rights-based approaches – from the perspective of Roma equity and inclusion. By the end of the workshop, you should be able to discuss access to healthcare through the lens of intersectionality using multiple angles such as social determinants of health status, health indicators, and healthcare inequalities and exclusion. The workshop will, crucially, build skills to initiate and draft policy recommendations on the social inclusion of Roma using a rights-based approach, and promote diversity, human rights, equality and inclusion as values that should govern policy-making towards Roma.

Practitioners and academics will lead course participants in an in-depth exploration of key themes including anti-gypsyism and discrimination; data collection; health indicators; disparities in access to health; patients’ and practitioners’ rights; ethics and privacy; narratives on Roma and health; reproductive health; drugs, sex work and HIV; social accountability; and community mobilizing. The participatory course design will also emphasize peer-to-peer learning through small group work.

WE WISH YOU AN EXCITING TIME IN BUDAPEST AT THE CEU SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY!

Dr Iulius Rostas

Dr Bernhard Knoll-Tudor
PROGRAM

The workshop will combine keynote lectures and participatory exercises. Participants will identify a concrete challenge or growth opportunity or research question before the course, and then develop an action plan during the course with the help of co-participants and faculty. The course will be organized as follows:

1. PREPARATORY WORK

Participants will review selected readings in advance of the course. They will also prepare and submit one of the following: a) a problem statement, describing a challenge area or inquiry facing them in their work, or b) a proposal for research or action that they wish to workshop throughout the course.

2. SESSIONS

Cross-cutting sessions will address special challenges faced by the health equity movement and will include case studies and small working group discussions.

➤ Policy Making towards Roma | Iulius ROSTAS

The current state of policy-making on Roma in healthcare suffers from multiple risks of policy failures: problem definition, lack of data, limited Roma participation, poor policy design and public and expert consultations, limited policy tools, inadequate resource allocations, lack of monitoring and evaluation mechanism, etc. The session will introduce participants to the main challenges in policy making towards Roma by analyzing policy-making processes at a national level in the past three decades.

➤ Anti-gypsyism—racism and discrimination against Roma and its role in policy making | Iulius ROSTAS

The sessions will explore the meanings of anti-gypsyism as a specific form of racism targeting Roma and discuss its dimensions and manifestations in the public sphere. The session will clarify the connection between anti-gypsyism, discrimination and
segregation of Roma. The participants will be invited to reflect on and answer questions related to how anti-gypsyism could be tackled in times of crisis.

Discrimination | Dezideriu Gergely

Discrimination is often a misused and abused concept when discussing the situation of Roma. The session will explore its meanings and manifestations and the relation with stereotyping and prejudice, making a clear distinction between its everyday use by people and its legal meaning. Specific cases of discrimination against Roma in accessing health care services will be presented and analyzed.

Understanding research and data collection on Roma | Kristin Makszin

The session will review principles of research design and various methodological approaches, which are critical to evaluate and understand the results, strengths and weaknesses of research reports. Participants will develop necessary skills by engaging in practical exercises and analyzing real cases and their consequences for policies, specifically focusing on Roma health.

Health Indicators | Daniel La Parra

The session will familiarize participants with the social determinants of health frameworks and will discuss a set of indicators for health inequality monitoring of EU national Roma integration strategies.

Patients’ and practitioners’ rights | Mary E. Black

This session will bring a rights-based approach to public health policies targeting Roma in particular as a way to balance the needs-based approach promoted primarily by managers as well as policy makers. By incorporating the perspectives of patients and practitioners on their rights, policies need to set standards that should be respected, implemented and monitored. A second and third session will discuss obstacles to accessing health care services and issues around ethics and privacy.
Changing narratives on Roma in healthcare settings | Katarzyna PABIJANEK

People and communities use narratives to understand the world and our place in it. These narratives are always embedded with power—the power to explain and justify the status quo as well as the power to make change imaginable and urgent. A narrative analysis of power encourages us to ask: Which stories define cultural norms? Whose stories were ignored or erased to create these norms? And, most urgently, what new stories can we tell to help create the world we desire? The session will showcase OSF grantees’ projects aimed at changing stories in the dominant culture to create more political possibility for social justice for Roma in healthcare settings.

Reproductive health | Judit SÁNDOR

Controlling how a nation “reproduces itself”, the struggle over population control is a fundamental topic of international relations, political science, and human rights. Concerns for public health, cross-border migration, attitudes towards minorities and their reproductive rights often resulted ambiguous legal policies that should be evaluated by using methods and theory of human rights. This session will explore the most important issues related to reproductive health and the impact recent policies and practices have had on Roma, especially on Roma women.
Drugs, sex work and HIV policies—combating marginalization
Julia BUXTON

The session will focus on public health harms caused by the criminalization of drugs and also other morally framed concerns such as sex work and homosexuality. Harm reduction approaches that seek to minimize the risk of unsafe practices to individuals, families and communities will be discussed and strategies for advancing evidenced based policies and legal reforms assessed.

Social accountability
Adriatik HASANTARI

The session will explore the meaning of social accountability and the need to engage in such matters. Lessons from social accountability will be presented and discussed and real life examples will be provided. A second session will analyze different strategies to mobilizing the community and ways their social growth can be supported. What are the aims and the results of community mobilization: is it fostering community cohesion, building relationships, trust, credibility, and a sense of ownership? The session will focus on concrete steps with regard to planning and acting toward social change.

3. POST-COURSE

After the course, participants will either submit their final reflections on their problem statement, or a revised version of their research proposal. In either case, candidates should detail a course of action for acting on, or exploring further, what has been learned over the five days of the course.
## The Course

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<td><strong>Sunday – 18 March</strong></td>
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<td>Welcome dinner at Fröccsterasz 19:00</td>
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<td>Discrimination Dezideriu Gergely 13:30–15:00</td>
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<td>Coffee break 14:45–15:00</td>
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<td>Disparities in access to health Daniel La Parra 15:00–16:30</td>
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READINGS

Policy Making towards Roma

- Council Recommendation on effective Roma integration measures in the Member States (OJ C 378), 2013

Anti-gypsyism—racism and discrimination against Roma and its role in policy making

- Alliance against Antigypsyism, Antigypsyism—a reference paper (July 2016)

Understanding research and data collection on Roma

- Blaikie, Norman, Designing Social Research: The Logic of Anticipation (2nd ed.), Chapter 3 (Research Questions and Purposes)

Patients’ and practitioners’ rights

- OSI Roma Health Factsheet, Left Out: Roma and Access to Health Care in Eastern and South Eastern Europe
The Course

- Word Health Organization, *Patients’ Rights*

Reproductive health

- *Tysiąc v. Poland* [2007] ECtHR (No. 5410/03)

Drugs, sex work and HIV—combating marginalization

PARTICIPANTS’ PROFILE

The course is intended for professionals whose work and interests are directly related to Roma health in the region of Central and Eastern Europe.

This includes:

- leaders of civil society organizations who are running Roma advocacy and health equity programs and are involved in the design, implementation or monitoring of policies and practices that most impact on the health of Roma;
- government officials (ministries of health, justice or development, centralized planning units, NHRIs) with the power to support or regulate equitable access to health institutions;
- international organization representatives working on public health at an international or country level;
- health care professionals working in particular with marginalized communities; and
- academics and researchers interested in Roma health.
ARRIVAL

The taxi company serving Liszt Ferenc International Airport is FoTaxi. Reservations are made in person outside the exit of the terminal. The fare to the city center will not exceed 8,000 HUF (25 EUR).

There is also an airport shuttle which costs around 4,000 HUF (13 EUR) to the city center. You can order a shuttle to your hotel at the Airport Shuttle stand at Arrivals. The shuttle will probably take slightly longer than a taxi as it is shared with other people.
WELCOME RECEPTION

The course will be launched on **Sunday, 18 March**, with a dinner reception at **Fröccsterasz Téli Kert restaurant**. The reception will start at **19:00**.

**DINNER VENUE:**

Fröccsterasz Téli Kert
Erzsébet tér 11
1051 Budapest
**DINNERS**

Monday to Wednesday we will provide dinner for participants at **Anker Klub** from **18:30**.

**DINNER VENUE:**

**Anker Klub**  
Anker köz 1–3  
1062 Budapest
FAREWELL RECEPTION

You are invited to join us for a farewell dinner on Thursday, 22 March, starting at 18:00. 0,75 Bistro is located just a minute walking distance from SPP.

VENUE:

0,75 Bistro
Szent István tér 6, 1051 Budapest
COURSE VENUE

The course will take place on the ground floor of CEU’s School of Public Policy in Október Hall.

Sessions will begin at **9:00 am**; please arrive at the CEU School of Public Policy at **8:45 am** to register.

**VENUE:** School of Public Policy, Október Hall  
Október 6 utca 7, H–1051 Budapest

CATERING BETWEEN SESSIONS

Coffee breaks and lunches will be served on the first floor of the building where the course takes place.
EATING OUT

There are many places that are close to CEU where you can have dinner. The list below is not exhaustive, so we encourage you to explore the neighborhood. Restaurants marked with an * offer vegetarian dishes.

**Bamba Marha Burger Bar**
Október 6. utca 6 l open 11:30–24:00

**Hummus Bar** *
Október 6. utca 19 l open 10:00 (12:00 on Sun&Sat)–22:00

**Istanbul Kebab**
Október 6. utca 22 l open 08:00–05:00

**La Trattoria**
Október 6. utca 13 l open 11:00–23:00

**Padthai Wokbar** *
Október 6. utca 4 l open 11:00–23:00

**Rétesház (Strudel House)** *
Október 6. utca 22 l open 9:00–23:00

**Soup Culture** *
Október 6. utca 19 l open 11:00-19:00, closed on Sundays
SMOKING
Smoking is strictly prohibited within five meters of all building entrances.

INTERNET AND WIFI
Wifi is available on campus.

- Network name: CEU Guest
- Password: Budapest1991

European plugs (220V) are available at CEU.

MEDICAL CARE
The CEU Medical Center is open to participants with valid medical insurance. There are two qualified English-speaking doctors (male and female) who hold regular consultation hours.

CEU Medical Center
Nádor utca 11 Building, Courtyard
Tel.: (+36 1) 327 3815

WEATHER AND CLOTHING
Weather in March can be quite unpredictable in Budapest with temperatures around 8–15 °C. It may rain so we advise you to bring an umbrella with you. Except for the welcome and farewell receptions (smart casual), dress code for the course is casual.
PERSONAL SAFETY AND SECURITY

Budapest is a safe city but as with other popular tourist destinations you need to be vigilant. There are three risks that we want to alert you to:

- Do not hail a cab on the street; call a cab. A reliable company is CITY TAXI, at +36 1 211 1111. Make sure the meter is set at the pickup rate of 470 HUF before you begin any journey.

- Shops, bars, and restaurants may give the wrong change as a result of frequent visitor confusion over the multiple zeros in the currency.

A NOTE ON HUNGARY

- **Capital city**: Budapest
- **Population**: ~ 9.9 million
- **Population of Budapest**
  - ~ 1.7 million (city)
  - ~ 3.3 million (including periphery)
- **Language**: Hungarian
- **Religion**
  54.5% Catholic, 19.5% Protestant, 0.2% other Christians, 0.1% orthodox Christian, 0.1% Jewish, 0.1% other.
- **Electric plug details**: European plug (220V) with two circular metal pins
- **Country dialing code**
  Hungary: 0036 or +36 (00361 or +361 – for Budapest)
  To dial Hungarian numbers from Hungary you can dial:
  06 + 1 xxx xxxx (Budapest), or
  for cellular phone: 06 + 2/3/7 + 0 + xxx xxxx.
Money

The Hungarian currency is the forint (HUF).

1 EUR = 329 HUF, 1 USD = 286 HUF

You usually CANNOT pay in Euro or US dollars. You can exchange money at the airport or train stations, but change as little as possible there since exchange rates at these locations are bad. It is preferable to use one of the many ATMs or cash points across the city.

Public Transport

Budapest has an excellent public transit system consisting of subways, buses, trolleys, trams, and electric commuter trains called HÉV. Tickets are available at all metro stations from automated machines, and most stations also have cashiers at ticket windows. As the machines aren’t always reliable, it is preferable to buy tickets directly from the cashier. Tickets can also be bought at some newsstands, tram stops, and on some buses, but it is best to purchase tickets at the metro station and keep a supply with you. Tickets can be bought individually, discounted in books of 10, or in the form of daily, weekly, or monthly passes. You need to validate your ticket before starting your trip on the metro or immediately upon boarding a bus, tram, trolley, or commuter train. Insert the ticket into the machines at metro station entrances and in the red or yellow boxes on trams, buses, and trolleys. The yellow boxes automatically stamp the ticket, but you must pull the black lever on the red boxes towards the ticket to punch it. Tickets are valid for 60 minutes after they have been stamped or for 90 minutes on the night service. Passes and tickets are checked by inspectors at random and you will be fined HUF 8,000 on the spot if you cannot produce your pass or validated ticket. If fined, get a receipt, as foreigners are sometimes overcharged. Public transportation runs from 4:30 until 23:00 and is both regular and frequent. Night trams and buses run on an abbreviated schedule.
# USEFUL HUNGARIAN PHRASES

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<td>Thank you</td>
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<td>Kurssurnurm</td>
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<td>Hello</td>
<td>Jó napot</td>
<td>Yow nopot</td>
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<td>Goodbye</td>
<td>Viszontlátásra</td>
<td>Vissont-latashru</td>
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<td>Please</td>
<td>Kérem szépen</td>
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<td>Do you speak English?</td>
<td>Beszél angolul?</td>
<td>Bessayl ungolool?</td>
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<td>Nem besseylek mud-yarooll</td>
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Julia BUXTON
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Julia is a professor of comparative politics at CEU’s School of Public Policy and a specialist on South America, receiving her PhD from the LSE, where she also studied for her MA (Distinction) in comparative politics. Her current research focuses on the drugs and development nexus and the development impacts of counter narcotics programs. A published expert on the drug trade, Julia has a particular interest in the impact of narcotic drugs and counter narcotics policies on development, peace building, public health, poverty and human rights.

Dezideriu GERGELY
Association for Development and Social Inclusion

Dezideriu is a lawyer and trainer on non-discrimination and Roma issues and cooperates with the Council of Europe (CoE), among others. Most recently, he was involved in the CoE’s draft working group of CAHROM elaborating the recommendation on improving the access to justice for Roma and Travelers in Europe adopted by the Committee of Ministers in 2017. Previously he was Executive Director of the European Roma Rights Centre in Budapest (2011–2014). He was a member of the National Council for Combating Discrimination, the Romanian equality state body where he served for six years as a member of the Steering Board and Secretary of State. Dezideriu is a human rights lawyer and a member of the Bucharest Bar.

Adriatik HASANTARI
Roma Active Albania

Adriatik is the Director of Roma Active Albania and the vice chair of the European Roma Grassroots Organisations Network board, and a “ternYpe” International Roma Youth Network activist. He holds a university degree in medicine and was involved in research and development policies. Adriatik served as a coach and trainer on NGO management and project development and has more than 15 years of experience in community development projects in particular on Roma empowerment.
Daniel LA PARRA
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Daniel has been a senior lecturer in sociology at the University of Alicante since 2007. He is also director of the Interuniversity Institute for Social Development and Peace (IUDESP), a World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on Social Inclusion and Health. He is a member of the State Council of the Roma People in Spain and the editor of the Roma inclusion newsletter published by WHO/Europe in cooperation with the European Commission – Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety and IUDESP. Daniel holds a PhD in sociology from the University of Alicante and an MSc in epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, University of London.

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Kristin is a research fellow at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences’ Centre for Social Sciences and teaches public policy and comparative politics at McDaniel College Budapest. Her current research projects relate to the politics of austerity and the role of experts in policy change. She has taught research design and methods in international relations at CEU and has worked as a research fellow at the Center for the Study of Imperfections in Democracies (DISC) at CEU. Her publications have appeared in the Socio-Economic Review, Journal for Labour and Social Affairs in Eastern Europe, and the Czech Sociological Review. She completed her PhD in political science at CEU in 2013.

Katarzyna PABIJANEK
OSF Public Health Program

Katarzyna is a program officer with OSF’s Public Health Program, where she coordinates narrative change activities on sex work and Roma health and supports grantees in Europe working to change social narratives that negatively impact access to health services. Before joining OSF, Katarzyna worked for the European Gender Equality Institute and ASTRA Central and Eastern European Network for Sexual and Reproductive Rights and Health, where she
coordinated advocacy efforts at the UN and with UN agencies. She holds MA degrees in linguistics from Eötvös Loránd University and in gender studies from CEU, and a PhD in cultural studies and neophilology from the University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Warsaw.

Judit SÁNDOR  
Central European University

Judit is a full professor at the faculty of political science, legal studies and gender studies at CEU. She conducted legal practice at Simmons & Simmons in London, had fellowships at McGill (Montreal), at Stanford (Palo Alto), and at Maison de sciences de l’homme (Paris), at NYU (as a Global Research Fellow). In 1996 she received Ph.D. in law and political science. Judit was a member of the Hungarian Science and Research Ethics Council, and is currently a member at the Hungarian Human Reproduction Commission. She participated in different national and international legislative, standard setting and policy making activities in the field of biomedical law and bioethics. Since September 2005 she is a founding director of the Center for Ethics and Law in Biomedicine (CELAB) at CEU.

COURSE PARTICIPANTS

Marcela ADAMOVÁ  
Healthy Regions I Slovakia

Marcela has been working for Healthy Regions as a manager responsible for the implementation of a pilot project focusing on participatory development and on the introduction of a new role into the Slovak healthcare system – the position of a hospital-based Roma health mediator for Roma from marginalized communities. She previously worked for the NHS and Oxfam in the UK. She is a founding member of the first Roma NGO based in Glasgow, Romano Lav, which uses community development as a tool to achieve the advancement of citizenship of Roma communities by involving them in decision-making processes and increasing participation in community activities. Last year she completed a master’s degree in public administration at CEU.
Theodoros ALEXANDRIDIS

Greek Helsinki Monitor (GHM) | Greece

Theodoros holds an LLB in English law (1997) and an LLM in international human rights law (2001), both from the University of Essex, UK. He has worked with GHM and the European Roma Rights Centre. His work has focused on the legal promotion of Roma rights with an emphasis on accountability for police ill-treatment, promotion and respect of the right to housing and right to education. He is currently working in Albania, where he is engaged in a series of strategic litigation cases before domestic and international tribunals for the human rights NGO Res Publica.

Pal BANDA

Romversitas Foundation | Hungary

Pal graduated as a primary school teacher in 2016 and is also an alumnus of the CEU’s Roma Graduate Preparation Program. He is currently studying political science at CEU where he is writing his thesis on social movements and Roma participation in politics. He works part time for Romaversitas Foundation as a volunteer peer supporter/mentor. He is also interested in public health, especially the health situation of Roma. Within this, he is interested in the intersection of Roma and LGBTIQ and would like to, in the near future, elaborate on establishing a Roma LGBTIQ youth network.

Andrej BELÁK

University of Groningen & Charles University | Slovakia

Andrej left his undergraduate studies in philosophy for the natural sciences, eventually earning a degree in biology (Department of Anthropology and Human Genetics, Charles University in Prague). He has performed extensive ethnographic research focusing on the understanding of health within a segregated Roma settlement in Slovakia. Along with his Health Sciences PhD studies at the University of Groningen, he is currently finishing his PhD in social anthropology at the Department of General Anthropology, Charles University. With his follow-up
qualitative research revolving around Roma health, he tests possibilities for close cooperation among medical anthropologists, epidemiologists and public health-practitioners in the region. Lately, he also started to serve as an external expert consultant regarding Slovak Roma health issues for institutions including the Government Office of Roma Plenipotentiary, Ministry of Health, World Health Organization and the International Organization for Migration.

Zoran Bikovski  
**NGO KHAM Delcevo | Macedonia**

Zoran is a sociologist with over 17 years of experience in the Roma NGO sector. Since 2011, he has been the health program coordinator at NGO KHAM Delcevo responsible for introducing legal empowerment and social accountability programs in the field of healthcare. He has served as a trainer and mentor, and has contributed to strengthening the capacities of numerous NGOs in the region. As a practitioner, he engages with the local Roma community to advocate for the implementation of government programs and to foster community mobilization through legal empowerment.

Lavinia CHIBURTE  
**CeRe – The Resource Center for Public Participation | Romania**

Lavinia is the coordinator of the advocacy assistance and community organizing program at CeRe which offers advocacy assistance to citizens, groups, and NGOs. Her experience is mainly focused on developing strategic advocacy campaigns on different domains (such as environment, social inclusion, urbanism), working with public administration, civic groups and organizations, and writing case studies on public participation. Lavinia has a bachelor’s degree in sociology and a master’s degree in anthropology and community development. Previously she worked with refugees and asylum seekers at the NGO Save the Children Romania and as a social adviser in the refugees and asylum seekers program.
Paula CIOBANU
FDP Association | Romania

Paula graduated with a bachelor’s degree and master’s degree from the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work at Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca. For the past three years, she has been working at FDP Cluj coordinating the implementation of different projects in the Pata Rat settlement. In 2017, she began working on Roma health programs regarding different issues including enrolling children on GP lists, immunization, and pre- and post-natal monitoring of pregnant women. She is qualified as a social worker and continuously improves her skills and knowledge in order to master the quality of her work.

Fadilj DZEMAILJ
Initiative for Development and Inclusion of Communities | Macedonia

Fadil is from the Roma community in Skopje known as Shutka. His long-term work in the NGO sector has made the community recognize him as a person who can offer help to people who are socially vulnerable and live on the margins of society. He has worked in several NGOs in different positions including as a volunteer, a translator, an assistant and as a project coordinator. He spent his internship in the Council of Europe working in the Department of Roma and Migration and participated in the international program at Galilee College in Israel on the theme of community-based prevention and management. He currently works as a project coordinator for the project “Social Accountability and Legal Strengthening of the Roma Community in Suto Orizari.”

Daniela FILAKOVSKÁ
PJ Šafárik University | Slovakia

Daniela received her master’s degree in social work from St. Elisabeth University of Health and Social Sciences and a PhD in medical sciences from the University of Groningen. She worked in the state services as an independent consultant for the Department of Social-legal Protection of Children and Guardians in Košice, where she worked with marginalized Roma communities. In 2017, she obtained the scientific qualification level IIA in social work. She is
currently employed as a senior researcher at the Department of Health Psychology at the Medical Faculty of PJ Šafárik University in Košice and participates in several national and international research projects. Daniela's professional interests are concentrated on social and psycho-social determinants of health and on health-related behaviour of vulnerable groups of population (residents of MRC, adolescents with emotional and behavioural problems).

Nicole GARBIN  
European Roma Rights Centre (EERC) | Hungary

Nicole is a lawyer at the European Roma Rights Centre, an international public interest law organization working to combat anti-Romani racism and human rights abuse of Roma through strategic litigation, research and policy development, advocacy and human rights education. She holds a master's degree in legal studies from the University of Trieste and a master's degree in human rights and humanitarian law from Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas with a dissertation about intersectionality and forced sterilization of Romani women. She is a qualified Italian lawyer and worked for Italian and French law firms before joining the ERRC legal team in 2015. At the ERRC, Nicole principally focuses on issues related to housing such as evictions, segregation in housing and right to water, statelessness, hate crimes and hate speech. She also cooperates on issues related to women’ rights and segregation in education.

Judit GELLÉR  
European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC) | Hungary

Judit is a senior lawyer at the ERRC, a Roma-led international public interest law organization working to combat anti-Romani racism and human rights abuse of Roma. As a qualified lawyer she has been leading various pieces of litigation and legal advocacy challenging discriminatory practices against Roma, including litigation before domestic and international courts and bodies. Her work focuses in particular on advancing equality and justice for Romani women and children. She also plays a key role in litigating intersecting forms of discrimination. Judit was a fellow of the Women’s Human Rights Training Institute’s program for women’s rights lawyers and she is a member of the Steering Committee for the Women’s Rights Working Group of the International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR-NET).
Georgi GEORGIEV

Future for All | Bulgaria

Georgi is a Roma from Lom, Bulgaria. After graduating from secondary school, he received a bachelor’s degree in economics and business administration at the New Bulgarian University. He then received a master’s in innovation, entrepreneurship and finance with a Trust for Social Alternative for Roma Foundation scholarship. In 2013, he participated in a community training program and visited four cities in the US that allowed him to bring good practices on working with vulnerable communities back to Bulgaria. Georgi has started work on improving his Roma community's living, education, healthcare and infrastructure and is now the chairman of the board of the Future for All association.

Ioana-Maria GRĂDINARU

Foundation for People Development | Romania

Ioana was born in a small town in northern Romania and studied psychology in Cluj-Napoca. She has always been fascinated by theories of change and the interaction between people in different social contexts which led to the interest in working as a social assistant. She graduated from the Faculty of Psychology and the Faculty of Social Assistance in 2013 and 2014 respectively. In 2015, she started working as a social worker for disadvantaged communities within FDP Cluj. She worked for another year in a different field of social assistance, namely helping victims of human trafficking, and in 2017 she resumed work at FDP Cluj. Ioana currently works with a Roma community near the garbage dump of Cluj-Napoca and is in charge of implementing a community empowerment project in terms of accessing medical services, getting to know their health rights and mobilizing to fight for their rights.

Svetlana D. HRISTOVA

Roma Education Fund | Hungary

Community Media,” at the Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. She previously worked as a public relations specialist for a public health program at the Ministry of Health in Bulgaria, funded by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Her interests encompass ethnic minorities, educational inequalities and community media.

Merziha IDRIZI

Roma Education Fund | Hungary

Merziha is a Romani national from Macedonia who holds a BSc in economics with a focus on financial management from the University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius and an MA in public policy with a specialization in higher education policy and management from CEU. Merziha is an education specialist who has more than ten years of work experience on addressing issues of access to secondary and tertiary education for Roma in 16 countries within Central, South-Eastern and Eastern Europe. She has worked on the secondary scholarship program coordination “Alliance for Inclusion of Roma in Education’ within the Foundation Open Society Institute Macedonia, and in 2008 she become part of the Roma Education Fund in Hungary as a program officer in the scholarship program for tertiary education. Since 2018 Merziha has taken on the role of a senior program officer where she continues to oversee the implementation of the scholarship program and its development.

Igor KOSTIC

Roma Graduate Preparation Program CEU | Hungary

After gaining work experience with various international organizations, governments, ministries, agencies and local self-governments, as well as with national and local Roma CSOs and networks in Serbia, Igor decided to pursue further academic development in the field of public policy and CEU’s Roma Graduate Preparation Program (RGPP) seemed a natural step forward. The program enables him not only to benefit from academic mentorship in the field of public policy and social economy that is indispensable in deepening his understanding of governance, but also enriches his Roma identity.
Adriana LAMAČKOVÁ

Center for Reproductive Rights | Slovakia

Adriana is the senior legal consultant for Europe at the Center for Reproductive Rights, a global legal advocacy organization. Previously, she worked with the Slovak NGO Pro Choice. She also worked as a legal consultant at the European Roma Rights Centre and as a Legal Adviser at the Office of the Slovak Government. Adriana received a master of laws from the Law Faculty at University of P. J. Šafárik in Slovakia and holds an LLM from the University of Toronto, where she was a Reproductive Health Law Scholar. She also holds a PhD in International and Constitutional Law from Charles University in Prague.

Ina MAJKO

Roma Graduate Preparation Program CEU | Hungary

Ina is an Albanian Roma woman with a strong interest in the intersection between Roma and environmental issues. While pursuing her bachelor’s degree in biology at University of Tirana and at the same time being actively involved in the Roma movement, she became aware of the fact that systematic racism and exclusion faced by Roma communities is present even in the environmental and health field. She has been volunteering and working as a youth coordinator and Erasmus+ project manager at Roma Active Albania Organization based in Albania. Her work is focused on fighting anti-gypsyism, promoting dialogue between Roma and non-Roma young people and also raising awareness within Roma women regarding the importance of personal health and early childcare. Currently, she is part of Roma Graduate Preparatory Program at CEU.

Daniela E. MIRANDA

Universidad de Sevilla | Spain

Daniela is a PhD student in the psychology department at the Universidad de Sevilla. Her dissertation focuses on developing Roma health advocacy processes in at-risk local contexts to defend Roma health rights. For three years she has been a member of the Coalition for Health, Power and Diversity, the action research center at the university. Her research interests include social policy, health equity, and empowering communities for social change. She is currently working on a project funded by the Open Society Foundations Roma Initiatives Office.
“A Multi-Level Advocacy Framework to Implement the National Roma Integration Strategies health component in At-Risk Local Context.” Prior to this, Daniela worked on a pilot study of Roma health governance at the local level funded within the International Organization for Migration Equi-Health project. She holds a BA in psychology from Boston University and an MA in psychology of community and social interventions from the Universidad de Sevilla.

Florin NASTURE
Cultural Center O Del Amenca | Romania

Florin is a Roma from Romania who holds a PhD in political science from the National School of Public Administration in Bucharest. He graduated from the Faculty of Philology and Theology at Bucharest University and received a master’s in strategic management from the same university. He also has a master’s in social development practice from the Metropolitan University of London. Since 1997 he has been involved in Roma civil society, first as project coordinator for the Romani Crisis Foundation and then as senior manager for the Roma Education Fund. Florin has a long standing experience as a trainer and project manager in the area of community mobilization and development, access to health public services, conflict resolution and mediation, democratic participation, and education. In all his work, Florin has been guided by the principles of community development gaining significant expertise in civic mobilization and community empowerment.

Ioan PETRE
Program of Social and Legal Assistance (PASAJ) | Romania

Ioan is a Roma human rights activist and focuses particularly on PLWHA, HIV/TB prevention and care, advocacy and harm reduction. He is an expert in HIV counseling and harm reduction service provision, holds a BA in sociology and an MA in social work from the Department of Sociology and Social Work at the University of Bucharest. As social work program coordinator with PASAJ, he offers socio-medical support services in the infectious and tropical diseases hospital Dr Victor Babes in Bucharest to key groups at risk of marginalization and social exclusion (drug users, sex workers, homeless and people living with HIV, most of them belonging to the Roma communities). Also, Ioan facilitates physician-patient relationships in order to help people access their fundamental human right to health and dignity.
Marianna PRONTERA  
Cairde | Ireland

Since working in an asylum seekers detention center in southern Italy 18 years ago, Marianna has maintained a strong interest in migration issues and has pursued this interest during her studies at Trinity College Dublin where she completed a PhD in sociology titled “Return Migration and Integration—A comparison of Italian returnees from Argentina and Switzerland.” She has extensive experience in advocating on behalf of minority ethnic individuals and groups with a particular interest in housing and health. Currently, Marianna is a health advocacy officer with Cairde, a health advocacy organization working to reduce health inequalities among ethnic minorities.

Szilvia RÉZMŰVES  
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Szilvia heads the Social Inclusion Unit of the Partners Hungary Foundation and coordinates the “Together for better health, for us with us” project supported by GlaxoSmithKline global healthcare company which aims at providing better access to health services of Roma people through mediation. She is also the coordinator of the “TOY for Inclusion” project which opened a Community Play Hub in a Hungarian village aiming to improve the early childhood education of Roma children. She obtained her master’s degree in social policy from the Eötvös Lóránd University Faculty of Social Sciences. In 2012, she was a research fellow of Center for Policy Studies at CEU where her research analyzed the effect of the Public Education Act to Roma children. She is currently participating in the accredited mediation course managed by Partners Hungary Foundation. Between 2014 and 2017 she was the national project officer of ROMED2 joint program of the Council of Europe and European Commission which highlights the promotion of Roma participation and democratic governance.

Maja SAIKOVIC-JOVANOVIC  
Open Society Public Health Program | Hungary

Maja graduated in 2006 from the Medical Faculty of the University of Nis as a dentist. In 2007, she enrolled in CEU’s Roma Access Program for postgraduate studies and also completed an internship with the European Commission as the first Roma trainee at the Directorate General for Health & Consumer Protection (DG SANCO). Guided by a desire to specialize in public health, she completed an MA in environmental health at the Cyprus International Institute for the Environment and
Sebihana SKENDEROVSKA

CSO National Roma Centrum (NRC) | Macedonia

Sebihana was born in Kumanovo, Macedonia. In 2007, she received her BA in Macedonian and South-Slavic literature and Macedonian language. She has been a Roma activist since 1997, working on promoting and implementing human rights among the Roma community and advocating for health rights. She has been working for the NRC since 2005 as a coordinator of the health program and is presently active in the implementation of a health project for Romani women.

David SMITH

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David is a Reader in Social Policy at Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford, Essex UK. He is a sociologist with interests in social theory, class and ethnicity, and social inequalities particularly with regards to health. He is a member of the Gypsy Council and has worked with Gypsy Roma and Traveller communities for over 10 years particularly in the areas of health, accommodation and education. He has published widely in these areas including (with Professor Margaret Greenfields) the first in-depth study of the settlement of the UK’s formerly nomadic communities in *Gypsies and Travellers in Housing* (2013: Policy Press). He has undertaken research into the relation between accommodation, health and wellbeing; access to health services; childhood immunization; ageing and care; palliative care and cancer in Gypsy and Traveller communities. He was previously UK Country Coordinator (2013–2016) on the EU FRA Local Engagement for Roma Inclusion (LERI) project and is currently Senior Survey Consultant for the FRA/IPSOS MORI Roma and Traveller Survey.

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Szilvia is a senior program administrative specialist in the Health Law and Equality Division of the Open Society Public Health Program. She joined the Mental Health Initiative as a program assistant in 2011. Prior to joining OSF, she worked as an image
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**Alina (COVACI) TABA**  
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Alina has almost ten years of experience in the international NGO environment, in designing, monitoring and evaluating projects and initiatives focused on access to health, legal empowerment and social inclusion of marginalized communities. Between 2007 and 2016, Alina worked for the Open Society Roma Health / Public Health Program where she implemented and advanced the program strategy, set priorities and managed the program’s work. She worked within a global network of foundations, using various tools in order to bring the social change, overseeing grants, representing the program outside of the network and handling information in a confidential manner.

**Elisabetta VIVALDI**  
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Elisabetta obtained her PhD in social policy (with a focus on health and well-being) at Bucks New University / Coventry University in the U.K. She previously obtained a master of laws (LLM in human rights) at the University of East London and an LM in Philology and History of Oriental Europe with a focus on comparative studies in Serbo-Croatian and Anglo-American at University of Naples L'Orientale in Italy. In 2012 she was elected member of the Scientific Committee of the European Academic Network on Romani Studies (EU/COE). Elisabetta previously worked as assistant to an MEP, consultant, professional congress organizer and public school teacher. Her interests include human rights and civil liberties, public policies and inter-institutional relations; health and well-being; education and history. Her research and volunteerism are primarily concerned with Roma and Gypsy Travelers.
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Open Society Foundations
Public Health Program

The Public Health Program works to build open societies where all people enjoy health and human rights. We work to fight discrimination and abuse in health care and support communities that receive minimal or substandard care because of who they are—Including Roma and other minorities, transgender and intersex people, people with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities, sex workers, people who use drugs, and migrants and refugees. We also seek to advance this inclusive vision by reclaiming health as a public good—so that health care is available to all, laws and policies governing health are transparent and democratically accountable, and medical innovation delivers solutions that are accessible to everyone, from affordable medicines to palliative care.

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CEU Romani Studies Program

Supporting Roma and the development of Romani Studies is part of CEU’s mission. Building on its longstanding reputation in enhancing higher education, research, and professional opportunities for Roma, CEU’s Roma Access Programs (RAP) has been transformed into the Romani Studies Program (RSP). RSP encompasses the Roma Graduate Preparation Program and the Roma in European Societies initiative.