

EDITORS' NOTES

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This issue of the Anthropology of East Europe Review presents a Symposium on “Roma and Gadge,” featuring the latest research on the critical issue of interethnic relations between Roma (“Gypsies”) and non-Roma (*gadje*, in Romani) throughout the region.

A glance at news headlines from the past six months reveals the timeliness of this research. Consider the following news stories:

- November 2007: The Italian government issues an emergency decree facilitating the expulsion of Romanian citizens, with only limited procedural protections. The decree was passed in response to a murder case in which a Romanian Roma man was a suspect. Human rights activists charge that the decree targets Romani (Gypsy) EU citizens and opens the door to racial profiling and expulsions in the EU. (“Italy Expels EU Citizens; Concerns Rise About ‘Vendettas,’” *Deutsche Welle*, Nov. 4, 2007, accessed online at <http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,2144,2863244,00.html>)
- November 2007: A group of Czech Romani women hold a photo exhibition, “The World As Seen By Victims of Sterilization,” at the Romani Women’s Rights Conference in Stockholm, Sweden (“Roma in the Czech Republic” online news digest, <http://romove.radio.cz/en/article/21710>)
- February 2008: The *Christian Science Monitor* publishes an article on the rise of the “Magyar Garda” right-wing militia movement in Hungary (Woodward, “Hungary’s anti-Roma militia grows,” Feb. 13, 2008, *CSM*, accessed at <http://www.csmonitor.com/2008/0213/p07s02-woeu.html>)

The range of issues concerned in these headlines shows that research on Roma and non-Roma relationships can no longer be limited to the realm of folklore or “ethnic minority policy”—it must be placed within broader discussions of Europeanization, human rights, social inclusion, and neoliberalism in postsocialist societies. The articles in this issue’s Symposium take this broader view, reexamining

archives to uncover hidden histories of the Holocaust, using ethnography to explore newly ethnicized configurations of state, civil sector, and religion.

In our Open Forum section this issue, we present Jana Kopelentova Rehak’s article “Czech Political Prisoners: Remembering, Relatedness, Reconciliation.” This article presents personal narratives of men and women who survived Czechoslovak Communist forced labor camps in the 1950s. Rehak’s account focuses on the ways subjects are reconstituting themselves, making sense of social suffering and discovering their own resilience after 1989. Barbara Cellarius and Jennifer Patino contribute book reviews to this issue. Cellarius reviews the edited volume *Ethnography of Protected Areas: Endangered Habitats – Endangered*, Edited by Peter Simonič. Patino reviews *Dreaming of a Mail-Order Husband: Russian-American Internet Romance*, by Ericka Johnson.

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