

Netzwerken V

Dear participants, dear colleagues,

due to temporal and spatial changes within the organisation of Netzwerken we want to inform you about some changes within the frame of Netzwerken V.

Organization

- The official date of this years Netzwerken will be postponed to the 21. April – 22. April 2012. The workshop will last two days.
- The topic "Persecution and Flight of Roma/Gypsies" will be maintained as announced (see below). However, we would like discussions to take a central part within the workshop we encourage referents to give introductory speeches instead of long lasting lectures. For general information and inspirations a reader with basic literature will be provided by the organizers.
- The deadline for papers will be extended. Please send proposals for papers, introductory presentation, visual presentations etc. until April, 5th to: netzwerken5@gmx.de
- In accordance with the topic we decided to enhance the workshop with a less theoretical but more practical form of knowledge. For that we would like to dedicate one day of the workshop to a day trip to the former concentration camp Mittelbau-Dora/Buchenwald where we plan to visit the exhibition "Von Auschwitz in den Harz. Sinti und Roma im KZ Mittelbau-Dora" (engl.: "From Auschwitz to the Harz. Sinti and Roma in the concentration camp Mittelbau-Dora"). We will return to Leipzig on the same day. If you have already signed up or if you are going to sign up please include whether you wish to attend the field trip to Mittelbau-Dora/Buchenwald.

General Course

21.04.12

Workshop

Registration: 9 am

Morning panel: persecution and flight of Roma/Gypsies (10 am -1 pm)

Afternoon panel: representation und Coping/Reviewing (2 pm - 5 pm)

Evening: film und discussion (7 pm)

22.4.12

Day trip to Mittelbau-Dora/Buchenwald

Departure: 10 am

Visiting of exhibition: 12 pm - 3 pm

Return to Leipzig: 4 pm

Content

The workshop is interdisciplinary in nature and without restriction concerning the epoch and region. We invite (junior) scientists to submit, present and discuss individual topics. Contributions can be presented in form of short keynote speeches, little seminars, film discussions, multimedia presentations, discussions of research projects etc.

Working on and with Roma/Gypsies always implies dealing with relations between minorities and majority societies, which often has led to persecution and flight. Whether for political, racial, economic or religious reasons, Roma/Gypsy communities have been and still are persecuted worldwide. Yet, despite the spatial and temporal continuity of these phenomena, their dynamics and relations have turn out to be highly heterogeneous and contextual. Considering this complexity we want to raise the following questions:

- * Which forms of flight/ persecution can be found in the present and/or history of these communities?
- * Which strategies do the pursuers follow? Are there any similarities? Are there any significant features that are exclusive to the rural / urbane contexts?
- * Is it possible to define "flight" as a (re-)action or even a culture-specific strategy of survival?
- * To what extent do flight, persecution, mobility and migration interrelate?
- * Is it possible for social sciences to deconstruct phenomena of flight and persecution and be equal to the needs of the actors – victims, perpetrators and observers alike? What possibilities do we have to prevent escape and/or expulsion?

* Which theoretical and practical differences and/or similarities can be found in the approaches proposed by Antiziganism and Roma Studies/ Tsiganology?

Arrival

- In case you do not live in Leipzig, we recommend to travel to Leipzig on Friday, one day in advance.

Finances

- There is no participant fee.
- Traveling expenses to Netzerken V can not be covered.
- Traveling expenses to Mittelbau-Dora will be covered.
- Accommodation can be freely facilitated by FTF members.
- Meals and drinks during the workshop can not be covered.

We would be grateful if you could forward this invitation to other interested parties.

For more information and for further updates of the program, visit our web page:
www.tsiganologie.de

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Leipzig!

The Netzerken Team