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**Higher Education, Internationalisation and Mobility: Inclusions, Equalities and Innovations (HEIM)**

Monday 2nd November 2015

Gallery 2, Conference Centre, Bramber House, University of Sussex  
10-11am

## **Inclusive education and ethnic identity: Educational policies for Roma in Central and Eastern Europe**

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The last 25 years have seen numerous initiatives addressing the Roma predicament in Europe. The most prominent of these were the national Roma strategies developed by the governments of Central and Eastern Europe during the European Union enlargement process, the Decade of Roma Inclusion and, most recently, the EU framework for Roma National Integration Strategies.

In spite of the generous policy objectives, the situation of Roma continued to worsen as research from the field indicates. The question of why these policies had such a limited impact is one that policy-makers, scholars and activists must provide answers to. One of the causes for the lack of impact is their failure to take into consideration Romani ethnic identity.

In his keynote presentation, Dr Iulius Rostas will analyse the inclusiveness of educational policies towards Roma in the Czech Republic, Hungary and Romania as part of the EU Framework for Roma National Integration Strategies using policy design theory and critical race theory as relevant theoretical frames.



**11.15am-12.30pm**

The second part of this HEIM seminar will focus on presentations from Roma PhD researchers sponsored by the Roma Education Fund. They will make 15 minute presentations and answer questions on the following topics:

- 'Educational Systems and Romani Identity: A comparative study of legal strategies for exclusion and inclusion educational systems in Macedonia'  
**Ljubica Tomic, University of Florence, Italy**
- 'Generational changes of the Roma graduates, in the impact of social resilience'  
**Máté Dezső, Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary**
- 'Migration Dynamics and New Trends in European (In)Security'  
**Gabriela Petre University of Bucharest, Romania**

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