

**Discrimination against Roma people in Central and Eastern Europe
International Research Workshop**

26–27 March 2026

1074 Budapest, Dohány u. 84. (office of the Budapest Institute)

FINAL PROGRAMME

THURSDAY - 26 MARCH

09.15 - 9.30	Welcome
09:30 - 10:00	Keynote presentation : Vojtech Bartoš: The bystander’s dilemma: minority responses to discrimination
10:00 - 10:40	Introduction of EqualStrength project: Valentina Di Stasio: EqualStrength – the first cross-domain, cross-national field experiment on ethnic discrimination in 9 European countries (online) Bori Simonovits: Signalling Roma ethnicity in different countries
10:40 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 12:30	Measuring discrimination through field experiments
	Daniel Capistrano: Assessing hiring discrimination against ethnic minorities in Ireland
	Veronika Vass-Vígh: Discrimination in the housing market in Hungary
	Luca Váradi: Reducing ethnic discrimination in rental housing: two interventions from Hungary
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 - 14:40	Discrimination in education
	Ágota Scharle: Do Roma families face discrimination in childcare access?
	Dorottya Kisfalusi: Discrimination in teacher assessments and track recommendations against Roma minority students in Hungary
	<i>Discussion:</i> Robin Balog: The impact of institutional racism and discriminatory practices in the Czech mainstream education system on the psychological well-being of Romani children
14:40 - 15:10	Coffee break
15:10 - 16:40	Methodological and conceptual issues
	Bori Simonovits: Signaling ethnic origin through Roma names in correspondence studies in Hungary

	Alexandra Columban: Identifiability and ethnic categorization: who counts as a minority and why it matters
	Josef Montag: Cost and prejudice: A field test of taste-based discrimination theory in kindergarten admissions
16:40 - 17:00	Closing

FRIDAY - 27 MARCH

09:15 - 09:30	Welcome
09:30 - 10:10	Pieter-Paul Verhaeghe: Regional differences in discrimination against Roma in housing, hiring and childcare
	Stefanie Sprong: Ethnic discrimination across groups in housing, employment and childcare
10:10 - 10:40	Keynote presentation : Vera Messing: Mechanisms of racialized and gendered exclusion of Roma people in Central and Eastern Europe
10:40 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 12:00	Minority and majority perspectives
	Fanni Maszlag: Hidden discrimination and identity reconstruction among Roma women in Hungary
	Barbara Láštiová: The normative stability of anti-gypsyism: political and lay discourses in Slovakia
	Anna Kende: Bridging the intergroup solidarity gap across ideological divides
12:00 - 13:10	Lunch break
13:10 - 13:50	Cross-national patterns of anti-Roma attitudes
	Vasilena Lachkovska: Cross-national patterns of majority comfort with ethnic and religious minorities in Europe
	Paulina Tabery: DISBELIEF - Public beliefs about anti-Roma discrimination in Czechia and Hungary
13:50 - 15:00	Panel discussion: What can governments and civil society do to reduce discrimination against Roma? (1) Discrimination is very high in housing, which also creates a structural barrier to employment. What can be done to raise awareness about this? How to communicate (and what) statistics to impress policy makers? (2) What policy initiatives may work well in CEE? Any good examples of tackling discrimination in multiple domains? (3) How to gain the support of the majority population for anti-discrimination measures? [(4) How to tackle

	discrimination in education?] <i>Panelists:</i> Barbara Láštiová, Luca Váradi, Roland Ferkovics, Jaroslav Kling <i>Moderator:</i> Ágota Scharle
15:00 - 15:10	Closing

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