

CfP: The Romani Atlantic

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Call for Papers: The Romani Atlantic

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Romani people have been part of Atlantic circulations for over 500 years. Yet, scholars have rarely applied the circum-Atlantic frame in ways that illuminate the lived experiences of Romani people. This collection aims to enrich Romani history and Romani studies, as well as the scholarship of those regions that are a part of the Atlantic world, by considering the experiences of Romani people within an Atlantic context.

This volume will allow for transformations of Atlantic scholarship once inflected with the considerations of Romani people. It will also allow for unexpected considerations within Romani studies; to date there has not been sufficient attention given to the historicity of the Atlantic as a space of circulation and transformation of the Romani diaspora. The place of the Atlantic in the story of Romanies, and its role in the constitution and transformation of Romani subjectivities and collectivities, has not been adequately problematized. Romani-related scholarship has yet to fully engage in important debates on colonialism, ethnogenesis, cultural (ex)change, and post coloniality. Due to disciplinary traditions, distance exists between the literature on Romani peoples and literatures related to other subaltern communities.

Submissions will guide the collection's structure. However, the editors imagine a collection that includes diverse time periods, regions, topics, scales, and approaches. We especially welcome scholarship that: centers the experiences of Romani people; sheds light on conceptions of race, gender, empire; is related to the movement of ideas or people; considers how Romani experiences, identifications, or social positions in Europe has been shaped by circum-Atlantic considerations; presents a strong historical grounding. Submissions may be reflective of new research; however, we are equally as interested in summative pieces drawn from the submitter's own prior scholarship. Scholars in all stages of their career are encouraged to apply.

Abstracts (300 words) are requested by February 1, 2023, with full chapter invitations extended by March 1, 2023. Final papers (6000-8000 words) will be due in the Fall of 2023.