OA NEWS: Romani Studies becomes a fully Open Access journal

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Liverpool University Press is delighted to share the news that ROMANI STUDIES is now a fully Open Access journal, thanks to generous sponsorship from The Gypsy Lore Society.

Romani Studies is an international, interdisciplinary journal publishing modern scholarship in all branches of Romani/Gypsy studies. To celebrate this fantastic step in accessibility and growth for the journal, the Editors have shared their thoughts on the Liverpool University Press blog, which you can browse below:

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Professor Colin Clark, editorial board member for Romani Studies and Associate Dean for Research and Innovation at the School of Education and Social Sciences, The University of the West of Scotland, said:

“The transition of Romani Studies to an open access journal with Liverpool University Press is to be warmly welcomed and celebrated. It will mark a new beginning in the academic life and impactful reach of the journal. Being open access will mean that the research published inside the pages of the journal will now have a much greater readership, from both inside and outside of universities. Papers can now be read, without charge, by all interested parties, not least individuals from the communities that Romani Studies is largely concerned with. In the wider context of sustained global efforts to decolonialise research and its published findings, this move to open access is symbolically, politically and intellectually very important. Future dialogue and discussions between researchers and community members will now be possible with this freedom of information and knowledge.”

The first ever fully Open Access version of Romani Studies contains articles specifically dedicated to the study of women’s role in Romani society, with notes on the Karelian connection and the role of Kaale women in the mobilisation of Finnish Roma at the start of the twentieth century, alongside a debate on women’s evangelical activities and church growth in Romani communities and an essay on Roma women activism under Communist rule.

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All best wishes,

Alice Burns

On behalf of Liverpool University Press