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## Virtual Research Environment

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The results of the Research Unit will be integrated into a **multimodal database** that will be permanently available to the academic public. This virtual research environment makes it possible to map and analyse antiziganist images from paintings to pictorial advertising and ensures a systematic link with the materials and discourses of the neighbouring disciplines involved.

### Research questions

1. How can an openly accessible research environment be set up that does not affirm stereotypes and reproduce critical sources?
2. How can affected communities be involved in the development of the research environment?
3. To what extent can sensitive data be presented and where are CARE and FAIR principles in direct contradiction?

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## Expertise & Emerging Researcher

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### Mercator Fellow

As a Senior Advisor, Prof. Dr. Klaus-Michael Bogdal contributes his extensive expertise to the DFG Research Unit and supports the conceptual development of the program.

### Start-up Funding

Dr. Dezso Mate is associate researcher of the DFG Research Unit and is preparing a research proposal within the framework of the DFG Research Unit on the topic „Gypsyism and Reparative Romani Agency“. He contributes his expertise in the fields of antigypsyism research and critical Romani studies.

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# Antiziganism & Ambivalence in Europe (1850-1950)

## DFG Research Unit



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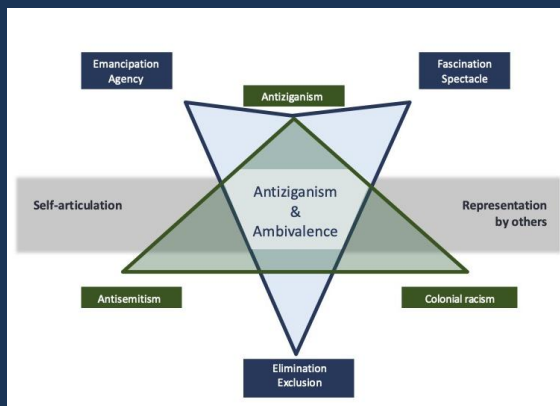
## Research Unit

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The DFG-funded Research Unit **'Antiziganism and Ambivalence in Europe (1850-1950)'** analyses the intertwined history of representations and self-articulations that contributed to the inclusion and emancipation as well as the exclusion and elimination of Sinti and Roma in Europe between 1850 and 1950.

This goal is achieved by **deconstructing antiziganist stereotypes in art, state and science** as well as by **reconstructing the agency of Sinti and Roma**. Together, transfers, synchronies and asynchronies between European spaces from Spain to Germany and Romania will be analysed.

With the involvement of an international network of researchers, the results will be published following four conferences. They will be included in the synthesis volumes **'Ambivalence of European Entanglement Histories'** and **'Triangulation: Antiziganism, Antisemitism and Colonialism'**. In addition, two habilitations, three dissertations and six monographs are being written.



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## The Subprojects

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### Subproject 1

'Pictorial narrative and visual staging of antiziganist motifs (1848-1930)'

Head: Prof. Dr. Peter Bell and Prof. Dr. Melanie Ulz  
ECRs: Dr. Mohammad Fazleh Elahi (Postdoc),  
André Raatzsch (PhD)

### Subproject 2

'Spectacle, curiosity, subalternity - discursive negotiations of identity and alterity in the context of popular knowledge media (1850-1950)'

Head: Prof. Dr. Kirsten von Hagen  
ECR: Magdalena Watrin (PhD)

### Subproject 3

'Ambiguities of the audiovisual: **Zigeuner** Characters in Feature Films (1895-1950)'

Head: Prof. Dr. Matthias Bauer and Dr. Radmila Mladenova  
ECR: Nele Feuring (PhD)

### Subproject 4

'Reflection and projection: "**Zigeuner**kunde" in the Danube-Carpathian region (1880-1930)'

Head: Prof. Dr. Thomas Bohn  
ECR: Tobias Haberkorn (PhD)

### Subproject 5

'Roma journalism in the interwar period (1918-1939)'

Head: Prof. Dr. Iulia-Karin Patrut  
ECR: Cristina Pătraşcu (PhD)

### Subproject 6

'Transformations of the police antiziganist discourse: from the "racial" paradigm to genocidal practice (1850-1950)'

Head: Prof. Dr. Tanja Penter and Dr. Frank Reuter  
ECR: Dr. Verena Meier (Postdoc)

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## Transfer

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The Research Unit places particular emphasis on the **participation and empowerment of Sinti and Roma**. Its work is accompanied by an independent **Advisory Board**, whose members contribute their expertise and perspectives to the conceptual and methodological orientation of the research program.

In view of the underrepresentation of Sinti and Roma in academia, the Research Unit supports pathways into academic careers and doctoral studies. Particular attention is given to reducing barriers for members of the minority and building trust in academic institutions in the light of historical and ongoing experiences of exclusion and racism.

A key element of this transfer and work are the **Empowerment Workshops** held in the framework of the Research Unit's conferences that provide safe spaces for creative exchange, orientation and networking.

### Advisory Board of the DFG Research Unit:

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