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- **Participatory research with/for Roma, Traveller and other marginalized communities and communities with nomadic life style**

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- **Abstract:**
- Participatory research is carried out both for better understanding the needs of different (marginalized) groups of society and also for carrying out research which is useful for the local communities, particularly the marginalised groups themselves. This way the agenda, research outcomes, and actions are all produced together with local communities and in favour of them. Thus, participatory research is regarded as a potential tool for empowering marginalised groups of society.

However, very few publications report on participatory research projects carried out together with Roma, traveller, other marginalised communities and communities living a nomadic life style. It seems that research on such societal groups and participatory research for marginalised communities are nowadays two separate streams of research.

Our goal in this session is to create a space where these two separate streams of research (and group of researchers) meet each other. Thus the session is open for:

- ⤴ theoretical proposals regarding the role and value of participatory research with/for Roma, Traveller, other marginalised communities and communities living a nomadic lifestyle,
- ⤴ proposals critically dealing with planning and carrying out participatory research with/for groups identified above
- ⤴ empirical approaches which connect participatory fieldwork and groups identified above.

By creating a space for (1) researchers dealing with research on the aforementioned societal groups using conventional research methods and (2) researchers with participatory orientation in their research we hope to better understand:

- ⤴ the role of participatory research for empowerment,
- ⤴ the theoretical and practical dilemmas appearing when planning and carrying out participatory fieldwork with these groups
- ⤴ the role of different research methods in participatory research with these groups
- ⤴ the possible limitations or barriers to engaging in truly collaborative research, including structural and cultural barriers.

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