Editorial Policies

Focus and Scope

Romani Studies welcomes articles in all scholarly social science and humanities disciplines; articles may deal with any aspect of the history, language, cultures and social life of communities traditionally known as Gypsies (Roma, Sinti, Calo, Manus, Kaale etc. as well as Travellers or other historic or contemporary peripatetic groups). Reviews of books and audiovisual materials are also published. Romani Studies publishes two issues per year.

Editor, Assistant Editor and Editorial Board

The Editor bears the overall responsibility for the academic and editorial quality of the journal. The Editor acts as the chairperson of the Editorial Board, and relies on close and continuous cooperation with the Editorial Board. The Editor is responsible for the pre-selection of submitted article manuscripts for peer review, coordinates the entire review process and editorial tasks, and corresponds with the Book Review Editor and with Liverpool University Press. The Editor is supported in everyday editorial tasks by an Assistant Editor. The division of tasks between the Editor and Assistant Editor is decided on an as-needed basis. The Editor selects an Editorial Board, consisting of recognized scholars representing different fields of Romani Studies; they are all members of the Gypsy Lore Society. The Editorial Board is a decision-making body that operates at multiple stages of the editorial process; the Editor and Assistant Editor regularly consult with the Editorial Board. The policies of the journal are determined by the Editorial Board in consultation with the Board of the Gypsy Lore Society. The Editorial Board meets in person in connection with the annual conferences of the Gypsy Lore Society and on-line on an as-needed basis related to each issue of the journal. Regular email contact is maintained between the Editor, the Assistant Editor, and the Editorial Board.

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Romani Studies publishes original articles that have not been published elsewhere, including in a language other than English. All submissions to Romani Studies have to be exclusive; during the review process, manuscripts may not be submitted elsewhere. If any portions of the article have already been published, they must be clearly indicated. Texts that have been published in a short version, for a workshop for instance, can be submitted in an extended version for review.

Peer Review Process

Romani Studies is a peer-refereed scholarly publication. Article manuscripts are generally evaluated by the editor and two anonymous referees. The journal uses double blind review. In case of contradictory reviews, the final decision will be made by the Editorial Board. Authors will be notified when a decision has been made to accept or reject a manuscript. Rejection may be outright, or with the possibility of revision and resubmission with or without a new peer-reviewing process. Authors can expect receive a decision about publication within 12 weeks of submission.

Special Issues

Special Issues must receive initial approval from the Editor before the papers are submitted. Special Issue articles should fulfil all the regular requirements of Romani Studies articles, and should be of relevance to a wide international and multidisciplinary readership. Authors should
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The Editorial Board considers whether the proposal is of interest to the journal and whether it should proceed. The Editor and Guest Editor will liaise directly with each other regarding progress of the Special Issue and any queries that arise throughout the process. The Guest Editor can suggest peer reviewers, but the Editor oversees the entire peer review process. If an article is rejected by peer reviewers, the Editor may ask the Guest Editor for a replacement article. The final approval for each paper will be made by the Editor and the Editorial Board.

Special Issues contain 3-5 articles, and an abstract of 250 words for each article, as well as an introduction (at least 1000 words) written by the Guest Editor. A Special Issue proposal must contain: The title of the Special Issue; a brief CV of the Guest Editors (usually no more than three); a statement of the Special Issue’s significance for Romani Studies; a draft introduction if possible; titles and draft abstracts of each of the proposed articles; any draft papers that are available; brief biographies of contributors; a timetable.

**Reviews and Book Reviews**

Book Reviews are solicited by the Editors. Persons who wish to review particular books should contact the Book Review Editor. The review should include a complete bibliographic reference, including: full name of the author(s), complete title and subtitle, series title with volume number, publisher, place of publication (using the spelling in the material which is being reviewed: i.e. București, Warszawa, Chișinău, Praha, etc), and total number of pages. Titles in less common languages should be translated into English in square brackets. Languages employing a script other than a Latin script should be transliterated following ISO standards.

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