

The Institute of Sociology, CSS Hungarian Academy of Sciences
cordially invites you to its eighteenth *Jour fixe* event:

Bálint Ábel Bereményi:

Roma participation in educational contexts, in Spain

A success story or an uncritical approach?

Academic Symposium

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Abstract:

The container notion of participation has powerfully penetrated policies, programmes and plans targeting or reaching out to Roma population. From the European Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies to local interventions, 'Roma participation' has become a basic criterion and an unavoidable keyword in project proposals. The main argument behind participation is the empowerment of the Roma: the two are supposed to reinforce each other. However, both concepts tend to be vaguely defined and poorly operationalised, their positive correlation is taken for granted, as well as their positive impact on individual or community development. In order to discuss these concepts, an empirical case is going to be presented on the widely celebrated School Promotion Project (Catalonia, Spain), proposing an analysis that critically reflects on the related issues. The results are drawn on a wider evaluation [project](#) financed by the OSF/RI under the "EU Roma Framework Advocacy Grant".

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The event will take place
in the Hegedüs Room (Institute of Sociology, CSS HAS, Budapest I. Úri u. 49.)
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If you wish to participate, please send an e-mail with your name and affiliation to
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