

Football as a medium

Football as a medium for (transnational) integration of the Romani people

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Abstract:

Southeastern Europe is home to numerous Romani communities, each distinctive in their own way depending on their country of origin and time of immigration, language, customs, religion etc. Following up on multi-sited ethnographic research (in the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Serbia), this paper discusses the role of football (professional, amateur and recreational) in the integration of the Roma. Taking into account the numerousness and diversity of Romani communities, research results show that football, as the most popular sport, enables easier social integration into ethnic community on local and transnational levels. Various football activities (minority football camps, tournaments) are initiated and organized by the very Roma. Even though *de iure* Roma have full civil rights, football serves as a means to reduce discrimination, inequalities, poverty and social exclusion. In order for young Roma to train in the club, they have to attend school regularly, which results in economic integration. This research also contributes to the creation of public integration policies which are implemented by the very minority and immigrant communities working transnationally.

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