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Contextualizing the Self: Creating and Recreating the First Person

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Tuesday, May 8, 2018

14:15 - 15:45

Gilman Building, room 449

Chairman: Prof. Aviad Kleinberg

Lecture by:

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"Gypsy Musicians and Their 'Dual Identity'?
On Negotiating the Identity within Cultural Context"

European Gypsy musicians will be discussed as a special case of dual identity. "Gypsy Music" is both a particular style of music that can be imitated by non-Gypsies and a cultural expression of ethnic identity. Thus Gypsy musicians are both adherents of a popular "style" of music and an ethnic minority identified by outsiders through certain cultural stereotypes, among which are music and dance. The talk will offer a brief history of Gypsy musicians in Central and Eastern Europe, but will focus on contemporary Gypsy musicians' ways of expressing their identity within the Gypsy community and with outsiders. The talk will be accompanied by recordings and pictures.