Roma, commonly called Gypsies, are Europe’s largest and arguably most excluded and estranged ethnic minority. They are plagued, even criminalized, by a set of linked sexual stereotypes: at once framed by exotic hyper-eroticism and presumptions of sexual perversity they are also often charged with enforcing anachronistic patriarchal gender norms and suppressing women’s rights. Jud Nirenberg, a Romani American community leader and writer, will present his insights into the particular challenges faced by Romani women and LGBT members of Romani communities engaged in the Romani rights movement.

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