

Contents

Acknowledgements	VII
Introduction	IX
1. Equality, Participation, Representation: Early Romani Attempts at Self-Organisation in Czechoslovakia 1948–1969	1
2. The Social Science Contribution to Theoretical Starting Points for Roma-Related Policies in Czechoslovakia, 1948–1969	43
3. Facing the Assimilation Intent: Romani Representatives and the Limits of Negotiating Equality through Group Identity in Czechoslovakia 1948–1969	81
Documents	129
List of Documents	129
1. Report on the Activities of the Association of Czechoslovak Gypsies, Moravian Branch (1949)	132
2. Letter of Birthday Congratulations from Romani Soldiers-in-Training to the First Communist President of Czechoslovakia (1949)	140
3. Notes from a Meeting Held by Minister Erban on “Solving the Gypsy Question” (1950)	146
4. Minutes of the Constitutive Meeting of the Temporary Regional Committee of Gypsies in Brno (1950)	176
5. Proposal to Establish a Collective of Political and Educational Workers among Gypsy Soldiers (1952)	184
6. Minutes of the Meeting “On the Gypsy Question and the First Tasks for its Solution” Held on the Premises of the Czechoslovak Writers’ Union (1953)	208
7. With Regard to the Circumstances of Some Gypsy Families, I Suggest ...: Letter by František Kýr (1953)	231
8. Memorandum on “The Solution of the Gypsy Question in the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic” (1953)	236
9. Report on the Training of Workers in the Gypsy Question (1954)	250

10.	Proposal to Settle and Perhaps Even Solve the Gypsy Problems Which Are Present in Our Country and Which Have Even Changed Over Time (1955)	262
11.	Introduction to the Master's Thesis by Bartoloměj Daniel: Contributions to the History of the Gypsies in the Czech Lands until the Mid-18th Century (1956)	270
12.	Request for a Personal Meeting with the President of the Republic (1957)	280
13.	"This was my Life": Newspaper Article by Leon Růžička (1957) ..	286
14.	Proposal to Establish the Romani Cultural Union (1957)	291
15.	Dear Comrade, Mr. Rector ...: Letter by Antonín Daniel (1958) ..	308
16.	Esteemed Comrades! It Has Taken Me a Long Time to Decide ...: Letter by Zigmund Vágai (1967)	314
17.	Proposal to Establish the Romani Union (1968)	327
18.	Minutes of the Working Meeting on "The Gypsy Question" and the Resolution of That Meeting (1968)	337
19.	"The State of the Present Organisation of Gypsies-Romes in Czechoslovakia": Journal Article by Miroslav Holomek (1969) ...	356
20.	Preparatory Committee of the Union of Gypsies-Roma in Šumperk: Letter by Imrich Horvát and Others (1969)	363
21.	Esteemed Comrades, I Approve of This Action ...: Letters by Bartoloměj Daniel (1969)	370
Annex 1. Short Biographies		377
List of Illustrations		393
List of Abbreviations		395
References		397
Index		411