

■ Romani Studies at UH: at the interjection of Linguistics and Anthropology

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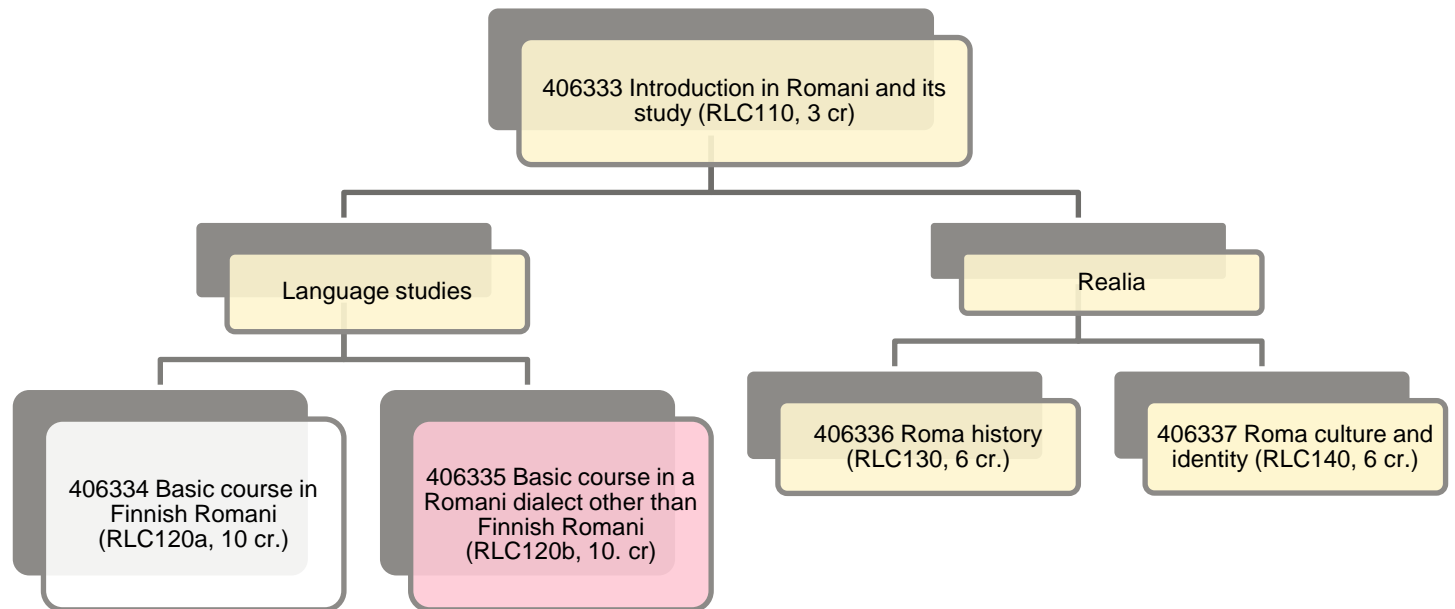
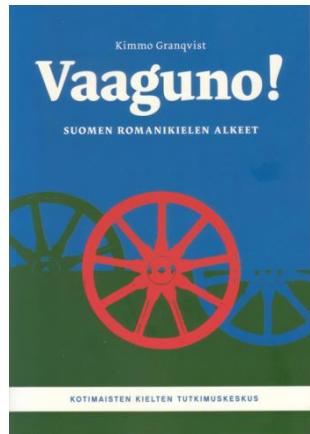
Romani language and culture

- Started as an experiment in fall 2009 at the Institute for Asian and African Studies
 - The first introductory courses in Romani language, basic course in Finnish Romani in spring 2010, continuation course in Finnish Romani in fall 2010, translation course in spring 2011
- Permanent resources since the beginning of 2012 at the **Department of Finnish, Finno-Ugrian and Scandinavian Studies**
 - 90000 € annual extra support for teaching and research issued by the Ministry of Education and Culture
- Annually approx. 15 new undergraduate students



Introducing the 60 credits/ETCS program in Romani

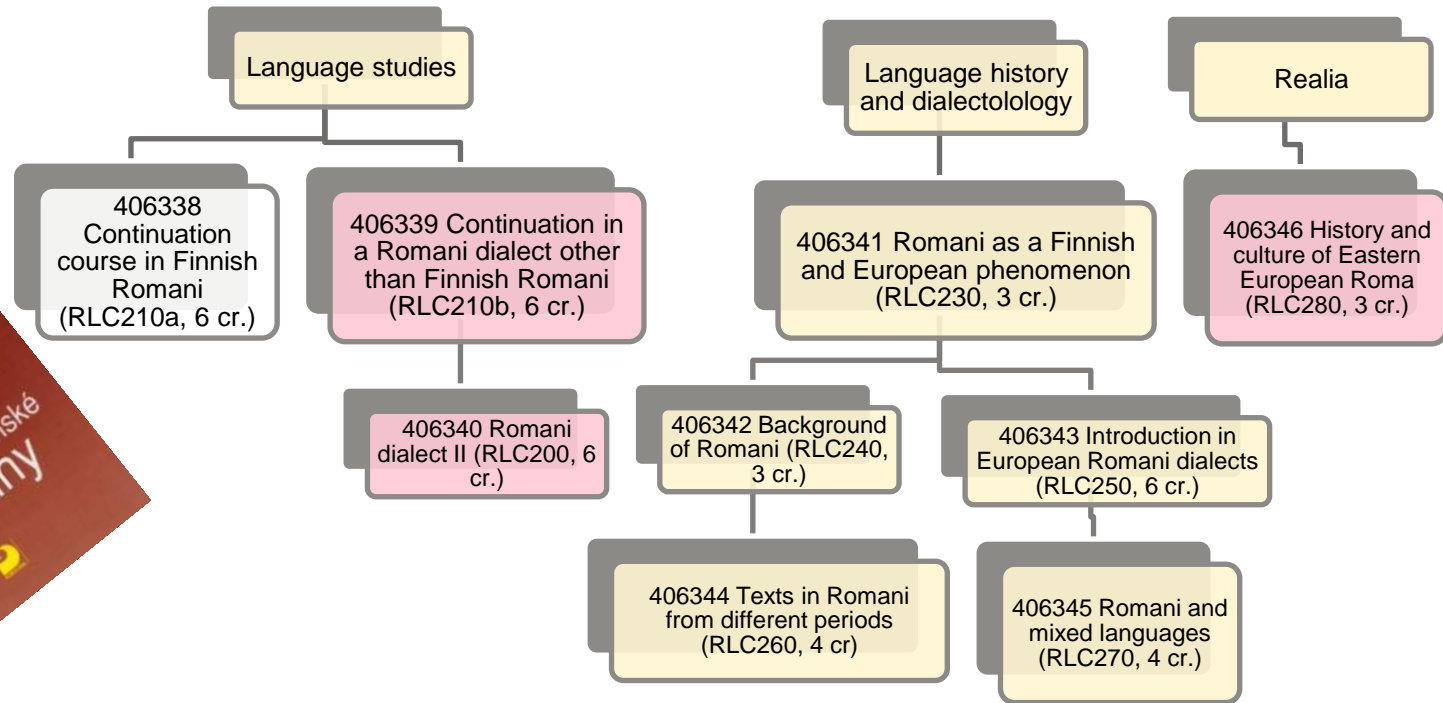
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Introducing the 60 credits/ETCS program in Romani

406332 Intermediate studies in Romani and Roma culture (RLC200, 35 cr.)









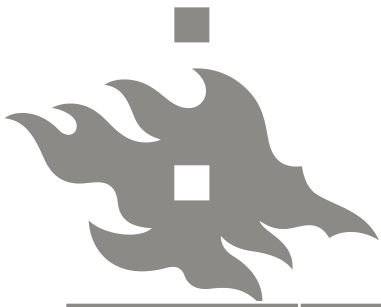
Teaching and research staff

	Name	Area of expertise
	Kimmo Granqvist Docent, University Lecturer	Northern dialects and Northern Central dialects of Romani, Balkan Studies
	Henry Hedman University teacher	Finnish Romani
	Anton Tenser Post doc researcher	NE dialects of Romani (Finnish Romani and other northern dialects of Romani in the Baltic Sea area)





PhD Students

	Name	Main subject	Title of thesis
	Mgr. Erika Adamová	General Linguistics	Bergitka Roma
	MA Mirkka Salo	Finnish Language	Fennoromani as a means of discourse
	DI Lidia Gripenberg	Social and Cultural Anthropology	The Interaction between Finnish and Bulgarian Roma in Finland
	MA Anca Loredana Enache	Social and Cultural Anthropology	Roma migrant women, constructing otherness through ethnicity and gender



Other staff and affiliates

	Name	Main subject
	MA Raluca Bianca Roman, PhD student at University of St Andrews, Social Anthropology,	title of PhD thesis 'Negotiating "Gypsiness", marginality and belonging in the welfare state: issues of identity among Romanian Roma migrants, Pentecostal Finnish Roma and Roma artists in Helsinki'
	BA Heini Puurunen, UH, Aleksanteri Institute	planning to start her PhD studies on Balkan borders and minorities
	FT Airi Markkanen	interested in Romanian Roma women and children in transnational movement and their position in a "modern nomadism".



Research projects



The Project QUALITY EDUCATION IN ROMANI FOR EUROPE aims for piloting the Curriculum Framework for Romani (CFR) and the corresponding European Language Portfolio Models (ELPs) which – based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – were developed by the Council of Europe.

OUTCOMES:

- ROMANI TEACHING on primary, secondary, tertiary and level as well as further education for adult learners;
- TEACHER TRAINING for Romani teaching on all levels of education;
- TEACHING MATERIALS for various contexts available online.



Research projects

Finnish Romani and other northern dialects of Romani in the Baltic Sea area (2013-2016)





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Sub-project		Description	Staff
A	Data collection and analysis (2013–2014)	collection, transcription and analysis of dialect samples in Finland and Sweden; Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and Russia	Erika Adamová, Kimmo Granqvist, Mirkka Salo, Anton Tenser; research assistants; Yaron Matras, CSC
B	Finnish Romani and other Northern dialects (2014–2016)	a dialectological survey of northern dialects spoken in the Baltic Sea area	Erika Adamová, Kimmo Granqvist, Anton Tenser
C	Descriptive grammar of Finnish Romani (2014–2016)		Kimmo Granqvist, Mirkka Salo
D	History of Finnish Romani (2011–2015)		Kimmo Granqvist



Research projects

Language, identity and authenticity among the East European Roma (2013-2016)

The project discusses the Roma living in Romania, Bulgaria, some of ex-Yugoslavian countries, Slovakia and Czech Republic, the Baltic countries and to some extent, Finland.

The goal is to study the questions of diaspora, identity and hybridity from the point of view of political sciences, anthropology, migration research, anthropological and general/Romani linguistics.

The project stresses the importance of the theoretical and conceptual, the thematic, multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary, as well as the empirical and more symbolic study of diasporas, hybridity and identity.



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Language, identity and authenticity among the East European Roma (2013-2016)

	General management		Edited volume I	Edited volume II	Anca Loredana Enache's PhD thesis (2013–2017)	Lidia Gripenberg's PhD thesis (2013–2017)
2013	startup, communications	resources	planning, writing book parts		establishing the academic program selected, enroll in courses required, finalize the formulation of the research question	review of the existing research, researcher skills studies; gathering of research data and recording language data on the CSC server
2014	reporting, budgeting		editing process, quality control	planning, writing book parts	take specialized courses and seminars, literature review, draft and finalize the methodology chapter	
2015			publication (printed and online)		conducting the field work	analyzing data
2016				editing process, quality control	analysis of the data defense and publication in 2017	writing the chapters of the monograph defense and publication in 2017



Partners

- **Graz University**, Austria, Professor Dieter Halwachs • **Bulgarian Academy of Science**, Bulgaria, Professors Elena Marushiakova and Veselin Popov • **Charles University**, Czech Republic, PhD Viktor Elšík • **Norwegian Social Research Institute**, Norway, Ada Ingrid Engebretsen • **Russian Academy of Science**, Russia, MA Kirill Kozhanov • **VŠZaSP sv. Alžbety**, Slovakia, Gejza Adam • **University of Lund**, Sweden, Professor Gerd Carling • **University of Manchester**, UK, Professor Yaron Matras
- CSC • European Academic Network on Romani Studies • UACES Collaborative Research Network 'Romanis in Europe' • European Center for Minority Issues (Flensburg, Germany).



The future

New projects:

- *New projects discussing microdialectology of Northern dialects of Romani*
- *A project dealing with the Finnish ethnolect of the Roma*
- *A project aiming at revitalization of Finnish Romani*

Additional teaching and research staff:

- *New PhD students and post docs*

More effective networking and increased student and staff mobility:

- *Erasmus agreements, European joint projects etc.*