

#### agenda



- identity
- scientific approach I: sociology
  - exclusion/inclusion
- scientific approach II: theology
  - Mk 1,40-45
- outlook

# approach lisociology



- identity
- exclusion
- anti-gypsism

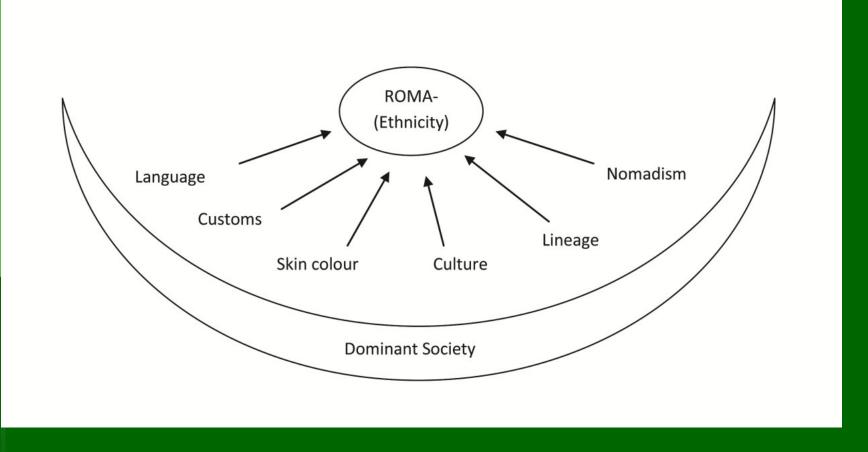
### identity?



- the problem of figures
- denying his/her Roma-identity?
- forced assimilation (social work, politics)
- extrinsical adscription versus selfadscription

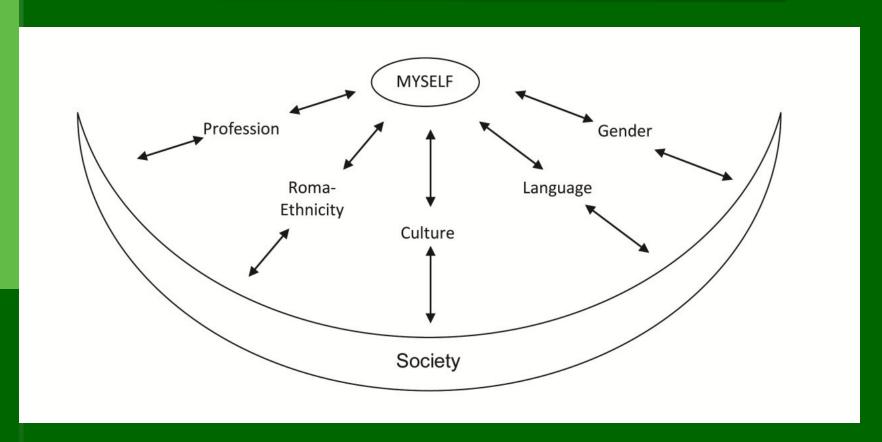
## identity – result of identification





# identity – result of interaction





#### relational identity



- symbolic interactionism
- ethnicity as "social construction"
- "outclassing"
- -> ANTIGYPSISM

## antigypsistic exclusion



- extermination
- expulsion
- repression / assimilation
- inclusion?

### extermination







## expulsion







on the way to the railway-station Asperg, Germany 22. Mai 1940

on the way out of France, 2010

### assimilation/ repression



- poverty
- labour
- habitation
- health

- education
- language and culture
- politics
- public opinion

## poverty







#### work



- slaves (Romania:1370-1856)
- forced labour
- unskilled labour
- farm labour
- child labour
- female labour

### habitation







#### fields of repression



- health
- education
  - no kindergarden
  - no school
  - ghetto-school
- language and culture
- politics
- public opinion

## interdependency







### inclusion? empowerment!



- involving Roma in the design of inclusion (Roma-mentors)
- overcome segregation in habitat
- overcome segregation in schools
- overcome discrimination in
- Roma-representativs as links between Romacommunities and public sector
- social work community work
- overcome Antigypsism

# approach II theology



- pastoral based on a valid sociological analysis
  - empirical study in Romania
- pontifical documents on Roma
- biblical basis
- pastoral guidelines







# sociological analysis



- prejudice: superficial religion
- empiric study in Romania:
  - vivid religious life
  - reproduction of anti-gypsistic attitude
  - new pentecostal movements

## pontifical documents

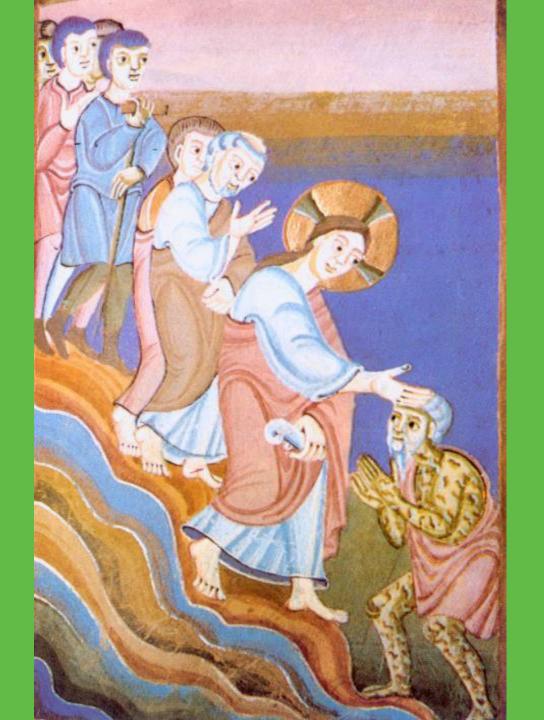


- Pomezia 1965
- pontifical council "Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People"
  - Nomads: Sinti & Roma (Gypsies)
- biblical foundations: Abraham, People of God, Jesus without place to lay down his head ...

#### Mark 1:40-45: Jesus Cleanses a Leper



<sup>40</sup> And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." 41 Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." 42And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. <sup>43</sup>And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, 44 and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them." 45 But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.



#### pastoral guidelines



- overcoming the exclusion is touching the excluded
- overcoming the exclusion is fighting antigypsism
- social engagement is succession of Jesus
- Mt 25

#### pastoral guidelines



- no segregation
- strengthening the self-esteem
- communication
- tolerance vis-à-vis the other
- duty of the dominant society
- spiritual movement for inclusion of Roma could be a role-model for the society

## theology of liberation and empowerment

