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Finding togetherness in community  
on the education digi-scape series

PRESENTS

Thursday, Feb 11 | 7:00am – 8:30am PST

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**YES, WE WANT  
AND WE CAN  
ROMA/GYPSIES IN  
SPANISH UNIVERSITIES**

**SÍ, QUEREMOS  
Y PODEMOS  
GITANOS Y GITANAS EN LAS  
UNIVERSIDADES ESPAÑOLAS**

The situation of the Roma is still visibly alarming in Europe. Anti-Gypsy stereotypes and prejudices speak to the relentless persecution of Roma. In Spain, only 1% of Roma get a university education compared to 35% of the rest of the Spanish population. Non-Roma education “experts” explain this gap by blaming the Roma culture and perpetuating stereotypes such as an unwillingness to seek stable employment and formal education.

Roma Elders, professors, mentors and students are pushing back against this discrimination and making visible the complex barriers that Roma people face. This education gap is decreasing since the creation of [www.CampusRom.org](http://www.CampusRom.org). It is the first Roma University Network of Catalonia, Spain and is an initiative by and for the Roma. Our special guest **Fernando Macías** (University of Barcelona) will share how CampusRom is creating real change for Roma communities and access to higher education in Spain. [@CampusRom](https://twitter.com/CampusRom)

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