



# Design & Visual Culture

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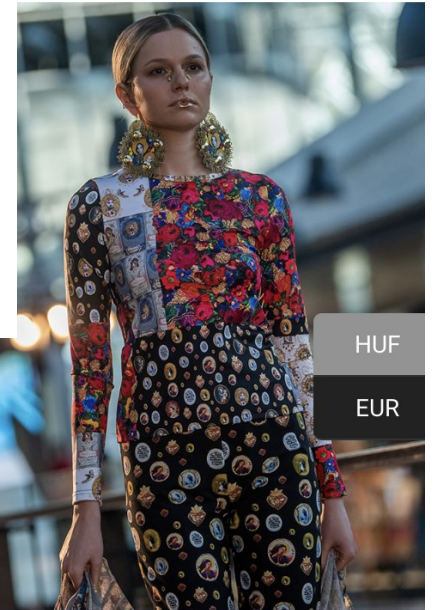
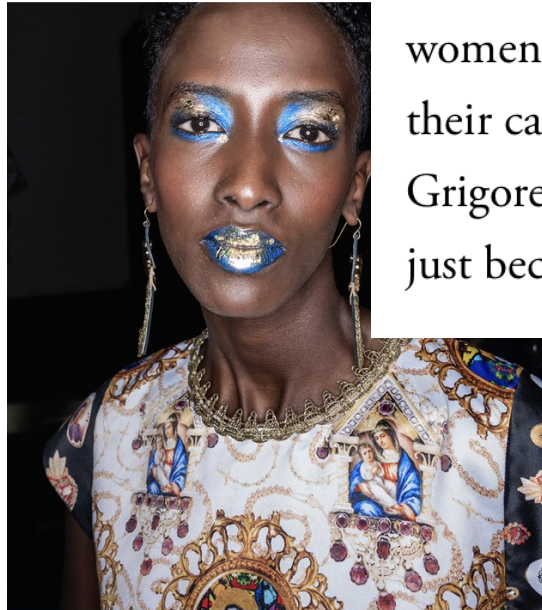






R O M A N I

A growing feminist Roma movement means we will see more Roma woman taking control of their image in fashion. “The more Roma women will be empowered to have independence, safety, and a say in their careers, the more fashion designers that the Roma will have,” Grigore says. “Probably there are quite a few that we don't know about, just because they don't have the platform and accessibility.”



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Emilia Rigová, Transgressing The Past, Shaping The Future, 2018.



<https://romani.hu/en/>







## RUPUNARJA

**Radu Ion (Nevers) – silversmith**

Radu Ion, known as Nevers, is a silversmith from Bucharest, and has been all his life. He learned the craft from his father, whose tools he remembers playing with at the age of eight or nine – twisting scraps of metal into rudimentary forms.

**products:** jewelry & home decor items  
**materials:** silver, gold, copper, brass  
**challenges:** sales & distribution



## KAKAVJARJA

**Victor Clopotar – copper smith**

Victor Clopotar has worked as a coppersmith all his life. He is part of Căldărari, a Roma community in Transylvania that has worked in metal crafts for centuries.

**products:** cauldrons, kettles, coffee pots, distilleries  
**materials:** copper, brass  
**challenges:** raw materials, distribution & access to market

Permanent movement plays a momentous role in the history of the Roma people.

The new product group by Meștешukar ButiQ harks back to this nomadic tradition, simultaneously demonstrating a cross-section of the Roma people centuries-old handicraft skills. The elements of a "picnic" were reinterpreted and traditionally crafted: copper, iron, wicker, silver or wood. So, just as friends meet for a picnic, the PICNIC series represents a meeting place. Works by different craftspeople complement one another, sets can be used themselves alone or in combination – individual parts of them even in the household.



**COPPER, IRON, WICKER,  
SILVER OR WOOD**



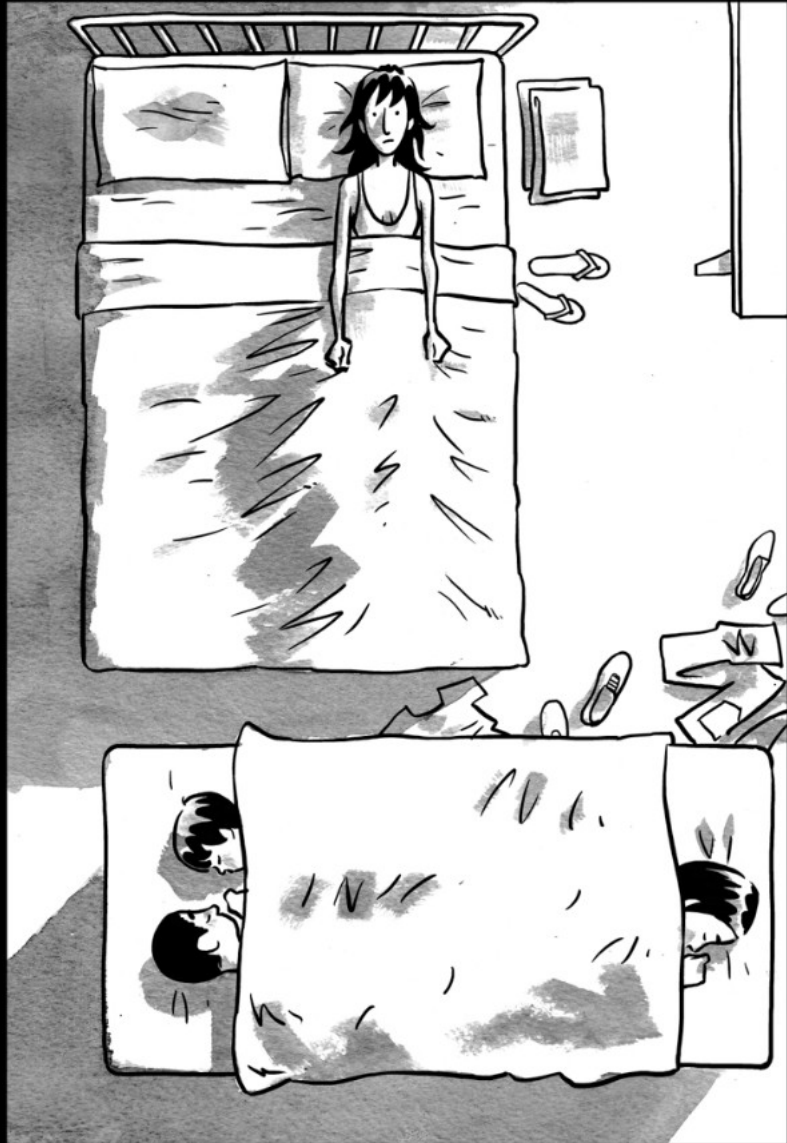


Kiba Lumberg, G!psy Com!x (2010)

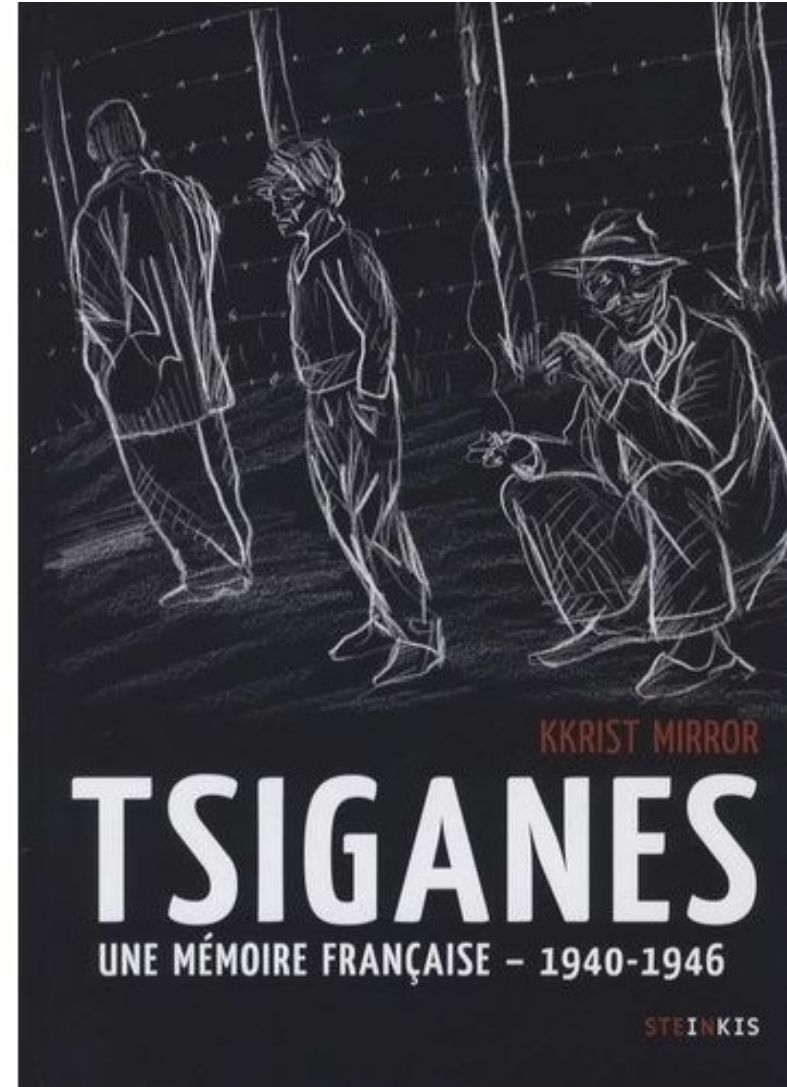




## DARIA. A ROMA WOMAN'S JOURNEY



Krist Mirror, *Tsiganes* series



<https://positivenegatives.org/story/daria-a-roma-womans-journey/>





Silnější než někdo



Nebud' jak gadžo



Lili a dvě mámy



To už je všechno smazaný



<https://www.asta-sme.cz/cs/ekomiksy>



