

Although there are analyses of Roma and their economic practices, there is no analytical interest in gaining social benefits as an economic practice. The topic is still in the hand of economic and political science and their view of claimants for social benefits that goes hand in hand with common sensual understanding of them. According to this vision the system of social welfare is just a generous technical system of distribution of money, which is misused by certain claimants. Following Howe (1990) I see welfare system as culturally mediated distribution of money that in fact, shapes the understanding of persons who enter the exchange. I analyze the ways Roma women negotiate benefits and the logic with which they enter different social arenas and struggle for recognition as humans without being recognized as Gypsy. Therefore, I analyse how notion of humanity intersects with deservingness and gypsiness.