

In my doctoral thesis I pursue magic and superstitious ideas which are the integral part of the spiritual life of the Roma. I tried to observe the Romany community from another side. Magic and superstitious ideas of the Roma remain foggy from the scientific point of view. For the Romany population including the Roma elite they are taboo and for the majority of the society including scholars who deal with the problems of the Roma they are of no account or they are not mentioned, they are unknown.

The work deals with the present significance, condition and function of the traditions, acts and practices connected with magic and superstitious ideas from the field of love magic. This question of the spiritual life of contemporary Czech Romany people was elaborated on the historically based superstitious and magic background which was interpreted by the scholars as the individuality of Romany spiritual life. The problem of magic and superstitious ideas in the field of love magic is seen from the point of view of the woman who is a holder, a performer and a recipient of these conceptions.

The work follows the problems of the magic in partner relationships - the problems of the beginning, keeping, renewing and ceasing love relations and the way magic influences them.

The intention of the work is to analyze the magic ideas and acts connected with establishing partner relationships, with closing and functioning of married life (both conflicting and non-conflicting), with parting (divorce, separating). In the context of magic and superstitious ideas I focused on the research of the intimate human relationships. The individuality of the Roma is shown through this problem. ...