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# Comparative, International, and Development Education Center and Center for Media, Culture and Education Seminar

## Postsocialist International and Comparative Studies in Education

**Speaker: Sunnie Rucker-Cheng**

**Respondent: Miglena Todorova**

**Online Via Zoom:** <https://zoom.us/j/661234725>

"The Enduring Impact of School Segregation on African Americans and European Roma"

For both African Americans and European Roma, systematic marginalization has included a history of school segregation. The landmark cases of *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954) and *D. H. and Others vs. The Czech Republic* (2007) rendered segregated schools illegal, but they persist, in various forms, in both the United States and Central and Eastern Europe. The endurance of segregation reduces the possibility of equal access to education for many members of these communities, perpetuating disparities that have existed for generations. In this talk, I will discuss the uncanny similarities shared between African Americans and European Roma, focusing on contemporary mechanisms of school segregation and its effects. In addition, I will address civil society groups working for solutions to school segregation and discrimination against Roma and African Americans with the goal of ensuring diversified education.



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**Chair: Kathy Bickmore**

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