

lecture series

Women* Reasons to Escape

Experiences
of Escaped Women* **24.10.**

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in the Asylum Law **(6.11.)**

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LGBTIAQ*-Refugees **20.11.**

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Female Genital Mutilation
in Europe **29.1.**

Demonstration **6.2.**
for the Acknowledgement
of womenspecific reasons to escape

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Women* Reasons to Escape

lecture series about womenspecific reasons to escape

Women* escape for the same reasons as men: war, torture, poverty, hunger, the lack of possibilities to self-sustain and access to medical care. Further women* often have to face human rights violations due to their gender such as Female Genital Mutilation, Forced Prostitution, Forced marriage, Stoning, Rape, Domestic Violence, Murder of Women* and Girls*, persecution related to sexual orientation and identity, Refusal of Education. On a global scale this is for Women* a bitter part of everyday-life.

Invisibility of reasons to escape

These women*specific human right violation are in many countries not acknowledged as reasons to escape. Women* are only considered as belonging to “a particular social group” within the Geneva Refugee Convention (1951). If female* asylum seekers get a right to residence in Austria, then by second instance only. The chances to obtain a safe legal status would therefore increase for women*, if women*specific reasons to escape are explicitly mentioned in the Asylum Law.

But these reasons are nearly invisible within our society and in the legal text. The State is not interested to change this. In Austria only §20 (AsylG 2005) relates to genderspecific persecution. According to this paragraph asylum seekers have the right to be examined by a person with the same sex, if they base their persecution on encroachment upon their sexual self-determination. They have to be informed about this right before their first interview. But this paragraph is often not applied, furthermore sometimes rejected. For women* who come from societies that strictly separate men* and women*, it can be impossible or traumatizing to speak in front of a man* about their experiences. Therefore women*specific reasons to escape are often concealed within the asylum procedure, escaped women* are threatened with deportation endangering their life and health.

Disastrous accomodation and no place to retreat

Not only the legal situation is disastrous, the way the austrian government accomodates Refugee Women* is utterly devastating and degrading. There are no separate rooms, no spaces to retreat for women* and no separate sanitary facilities. Medical care is miserable or not existing. Even though many women* resist these conditions and complain for example, the staff usually does nothing to improve the situation.

Resolute Engagement against the European Migration Policy

Despite the solidarity many people in Austria showed in the last weeks, we should not forget about the ongoing problematic situation in the absolutely over-crowded Lager in Traiskirchen and the tightening of the Asylum Law. According to this change in law many refugees are (even more) criminalized and will receive no basic supply at all, while deportations are tracked up in unfair shortcut trials. At the same time the borders are getting even more closed and militarized.

As an initiative we work actively to improve the situation of refugee women* by taking up on the visibility of the subject. To sensitize our society about women*specific reasons to escape and to push for a consideration within the legal text is what we aim at with this lecture series. Activists who work in the specific fields will discuss from their perspectives in each lecture. There is space to exchange and discuss.

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Women* Reasons to Escape

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Women*Lesbian*
Inter Trans* only

café prosa

all gender welcome

RosaLila

Türkisvilla

LGBTIAQ* welcome

Amerlinghaus

(all gender welcome)

not known yet

café prosa

Women* only

24.10.

Experiences of Escaped Women*
with activists from Munich and Berlin
Language: English, Dari/Farsi, German

6.11. (this date might change!)

Genderaspects in the Asylum Law
with Deserteurs- und Flüchtlingsberatung
(solicited)

20.11.

Experiences of
LGBTIAQ*-Refugees
with Tekosin (solicited), RosaLilaTürkisVilla

11.12.

Refugee Women* between Sex-
Work and Forced Prostitution
with Lefö, Footprint and maiz (solicited)

15.1.

Forced Marriage
with Orientexpress

29.1.

Female Genital Mutilation in Europe.
What can we do to stop women
from cutting their daughters
with STOP FGM, Dortmund and FemSüd
(solicited)



All events start at 7 pm.

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