



PHILOXENIA. Curated by Tessa Szyszkowitz

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The unprecedented arrival of more than a million refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants – plus the political, public, and policy reactions to it – is redefining Europe. The repercussions will last for generations on such central issues as security, national identity, human rights, and the very structure of liberal democracies. What is the role of the news media in telling the story of the 2010s refugee crisis at a time of deepening crisis for journalism, as “fake news” ran rampant amid an increasingly distrustful public?

The book *Refugee News, Refugee Politics* offers students, scholars, and the general reader original research and candid frontline insights to understand the intersecting influences of journalistic practices, news discourses, public opinion, and policymaking on one of the most polarizing issues of our time. Focusing on current events in Greece, Austria, and Germany – critical entry and destination countries – it introduces a groundbreaking dialogue between elite national and international media, academic institutions, and civil society organizations, revealing the complex impacts of the news media on the thorny sociopolitical dilemmas raised by the integration of hundreds of thousands of asylum seekers in EU countries.

Philoxenia is a lecture series curated by the London based Austrian journalist and author **Tessa Szyszkowitz**. In the past years fear, xenophobia and right wing populism seem to have upstaged rationality in large parts of the world. Donald Trump was elected to the White House, Britain voted in a referendum to leave the European Union and populist movements in Europe undermine the unity of the European Union. But counterforces are assembling to think about alternatives to fear and xenophobia as driving forces of political processes. *Philoxenia* wants to do just that: Welcome guests to exchange thoughts in order to find answers together to the challenges of the 21st century.

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