

NEWSLETTER 8

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THE PROJECT

Thesis Antithesis Synthesis

The TAS – Migration Labs aims to support the fundamental principles of EU citizenship and to promote an improvement in civic and democratic participation at EU level, reaffirming values of solidarity, intercultural dialogue, mutual understanding and combatting existing stereotypes on migration and minorities. Our activities are mostly directed at young adults, political decision makers and other stakeholders from partner countries. The tasks envisage to raise awareness of EU policy-making processes, in particular migration, and to boost opportunities for social and intercultural participation and volunteering.

**MORE ABOUT THE
PROJECT**

ACTIVITIES

ANTITHESIS II WORKLABS



WHAT

During the second Antithesis Worklab, young participants will engage in simulation activities and gamified dynamics to deconstruct in first person some migrant-related stereotypes taken from real sources (political and media discourses, policies, public discourse etc.). This interactive workshop will also give the opportunity for participants to develop further questions for the policymakers to be answered in the next lab.

From February to March 2021

WHEN



WHO

This activity will be implemented by all project partners. Please check our website to discover when partners will organize Antithesis II WorkLab. The target group of the workshop will be young people aged between 18 and 30 who live in partner countries.

PROJECT INSIGHTS

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS



Did you know?

The project TAS -THESIS, ANTITHESIS, SYNTHESIS MIGRATION LABS will involve EU Solidarity Corps Volunteers? The Volunteers will be involved in volunteering activities related to migrants and migration according to the specificity of each hosting partner organisation.

What is European Solidarity Corps?

The European Solidarity Corps aims to promote solidarity as a value, mainly through volunteering, to enhance the engagement of young people and organisations in accessible and high-quality solidarity activities as a means to contribute to strengthening cohesion, solidarity, democracy and citizenship in Europe, while also responding to societal challenges and strengthening communities, with particular effort to promote social inclusion.

Who can take part in the programme?

Are you between 18 and 30 and looking for an opportunity to help the wider community, in Europe and beyond? You could do this with funding and support from the European Solidarity Corps, which helps young people take part in projects that benefit communities, either abroad or in their own country. These projects offer an inspiring and empowering experience, as well as the chance to bring change while developing your skills and competences.

How does it work?

The European Solidarity Corps funding is provided in the form of grants to organisations through a call for proposals. Young people wishing to engage in such activities need to register in the European Solidarity Corps portal. The European Solidarity Corps portal offers a place for those young people and organisations, holding a grant, to implement activities and to find each other.

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MONTHLY FOCUS



THE WESTERN BALKAN ROUTE

Since 2016, Bosnia has been an unintended waystation for people fleeing conflicts and poverty in the Middle East, South Asia, and Africa and seeking a path to northern or western Europe through the Balkans after crossing from Turkey to Greece.

The UN's refugee agency, UNHCR, has recorded the arrival of nearly 68,000 people in the country since 2018. Most are looking to transit through to EU member state Croatia, and beyond, but end up stuck because Croatian border police systematically – and often violently – push asylum seekers and migrants back across the border, according to human rights groups.

Even people who reach as far into the EU as Italy are sometimes subjected to chain pushbacks across several Balkan countries that end with them being expelled from the bloc and landing back in Bosnia.

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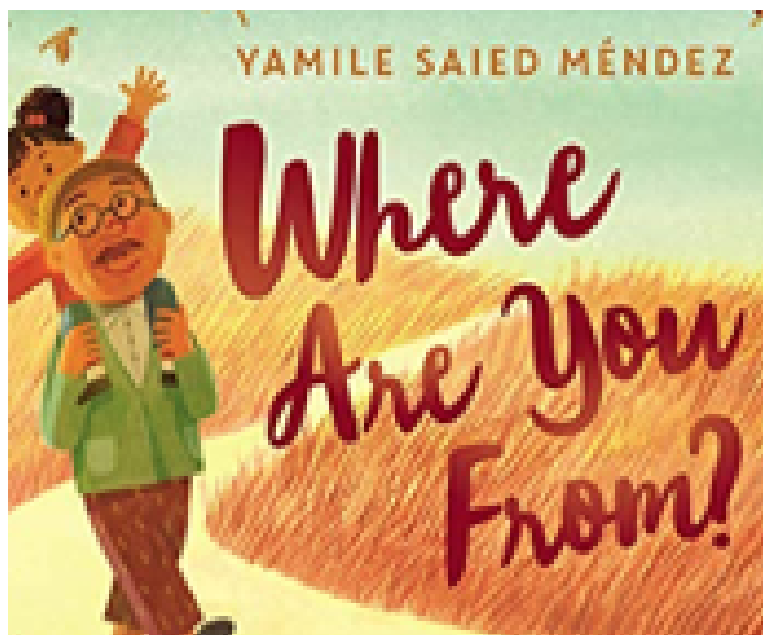
REFUGEES STUCK IN WINTER SHELTERS AT EU BORDER IN BOSNIA

“European lawmakers are set to discuss the fate of migrants stranded along the EU's external borders. The situation is especially acute in Bosnia, where thousands of mostly Middle Eastern migrants remain in limbo. Bosnia is not an EU member, but it borders Croatia, which is part of the union. Human rights groups say migrants have frequently reported rough encounters with Croatian police, including beatings and being forcefully sent back into Bosnia. Croatian authorities deny the allegations. Currently nearly 9,000 migrants are estimated to be in Bosnia”. [READ MORE](#)

BOOK SUGGESTIONS

Where are you from?

By Yamile Saied Méndez



"When a girl is asked where she's from—where she's really from—none of her answers seems to be the right one. Unsure about how to reply, she turns to her loving abuelo for help. He doesn't give her the response she expects. She gets an even better one. Where am I from? You're from hurricanes and dark storms, and a tiny singing frog that calls the island people home when the sun goes to sleep..."

With themes of self-acceptance, identity, and home, this powerful, lyrical picture book will resonate with readers young and old, from all backgrounds and of all colors—especially anyone who ever felt that they don't belong".

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Morning Sea

By Margaret Mazzantini

A tale of moving intensity, *Morning Sea* is about human migration. It is about the fate of those exiled from their houses, relatives, and roots; about the violence of nature and war; and about the strength of women compelled by injustice to defend their children's futures. With terse and astute language, Mazzantini captures perfectly the dark, uncertain quality of our times. She asks: when must we commit ourselves to the right of all humans to live with dignity and respect?"

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MORNING SEA



WHEN THE WATER
IS SAFER THAN
THE LAND

