



Guided Tour at Public Photo Exhibition

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Friday, 25 September 2020

“Leaving Tunisia in Search of Dignity”

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Photographs by Simon Mastrangelo

17:30 – 18:30 h

Location: Hôtel de Ville, Neuchâtel, Rue de l'Hôtel-de-Ville 2

Followed by a short discussion with Robin Stünzi from the nccr – on the move and an Apéro

The photo exhibition is open to the public from 11 – 25 September 2020

Monday-Wednesday: 7h-17h, Thursday-Friday: 7h-18h30, Saturday-Sunday: 10h-18h30

No entrance fee

This photo exhibition is organized by the Canton of Neuchâtel and the Forum tous différents, tous égaux at the occasion of the “Action Week Against Racism 2020”, in partnership with the City of Neuchâtel.

About the Exhibition “Leaving Tunisia in Search of Dignity”

The photography exhibition is based on work published in the book “Migrating in Search of Dignity. Tunisians Between Disappointments and Hopes” and is the result of research conducted in a doctoral thesis in the framework of a SNF project led by Prof. Monika Salzbrunn. For sharing impressions from the fieldwork with a wider audience and for presenting the unknown realities of *harraga* (undocumented migrants), Simon Mastrangelo developed this exhibition. The photographs were taken during ethnographic fieldwork in Tunisia, Switzerland and Italy (Lampedusa and Sicily). They are the result of personal encounters with persons that were about to leave (again), returning to Tunisia after a migratory experience or living as “*sans-papiers*” in Switzerland and Italy. The aim of this exhibition is to allow visitors to get as close as possible to the ethnographic fieldwork. This is done by combining photographs, narrative scenes and extracts of interviews accompanied by explanatory panels and maps that help the visitors to better understand what the selected photographs tell us about the phenomenon of the Tunisian’s *harga* and the related migratory imaginaries.

Biography of the Book Author and Photographer

Simon Mastrangelo holds a Ph.D. in Social Sciences (Anthropology) from the University of Lausanne. His thesis focuses on Tunisian undocumented migrations. It aims at explaining how undocumented migrants cope with their migratory experiences and how they claim their right to bypass migratory policies. Simon Mastrangelo works at the Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies in the framework of a SNF project on the political engagement of Swiss citizens with an immigration background at the Swiss People’s Party and at the Democratic Party under the supervision of Prof. Gianni D’Amato. He is also the scientific coordinator of the Centre of Excellence “Territory, Diversity and Migration” (HES-SO Valais).

The Book

Simon Mastrangelo (2019). *Emigrer en quête de dignité. Tunisiens entre désillusions et espoirs*, Tours, Presses Universitaires François-Rabelais, collection “Migrations”.

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