

The Middle East and North Africa Studies Program  
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# **Syrian Refugees in Europe**

## **How the Middle East Refugee Crisis is Shaping European Politics**

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2015 brought Europe to the brink of one of the most severe refugee crises since World War II and Yugoslavia's war of secession. By the end of 2015 more than a million Syrians had sought exile in Lebanon, Turkey, and Jordan or had made a treacherous journey to Europe in the hope of better fortunes. The refugee crisis exposed grave regulatory fissures in the European body politic; it also demonstrated that there are powerful domestic forces that drive government immigration policies even in a system whose members continuously strive to harmonize their norms, practices, and outcomes. What factors motivated border authorities across Europe to respond to the crisis by erecting physical barriers, pushing migrants and refugees back to the countries they came from, and detentions? Can European countries find a more effective humanitarian approach to helping resolve the crisis?

This event is part of a weeklong exhibition on Syrian children refugees in Lebanon. The exhibition features 20 photos taken by children refugees in refugee settlements in Lebanon. **All photos are courtesy of UNICEF.** The exhibit is held from 10/31 to 11/4 (10am-4pm) in the lobby of McMurrin Hall at Christopher Newport University.

**The talk and the exhibit are free and open to the public**

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