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# MORIA

## *Inside Europe's largest refugee camp*

The Moria refugee camp is Europe's prime symbol of the so-called refugee crisis of 2015. The book MORIA, named after the notorious camp, offers readers a unique insight into a dark chapter of contemporary European history.

Moria was awarded NTNU's Literature Prize of 2024.

Child psychologist and Doctors Without Borders field worker, Katrín Glatz Brubakk, regularly worked as a volunteer and therapist in the camp from 2015 - 2022, gaining profound insight in the development of the camp and the refugees' situation. In companionship with journalist Guro Kulset Merakerås, she has turned her eye witness experiences from the camp and the relief work on the island of Lesbos into a pageturner that combines close human portraits with historical and political overview. The book helps readers understand why Moria became the largest refugee camp in Europe and a humanitarian catastrophe unprecedented in modern Europe. Brubakk, an experienced trauma psychologist, also gives an introduction to the psychological mechanisms at play for people in a refugee situation, and the short and long term psychological consequences of becoming a refugee or migrant, living in Moria or other camps.

Norwegian reviewers praised the book as being "disturbingly good", "strong, educational and well-written", "a testimony of high value" and "a humanistic project that lets the migrants stuck in Greek islands reenter our consciousness".

*The chronicle of a non-place that became the symbol of Europe's failed refugee policy/ Die Chronik eines Unortes, der zum Symbol für Europas gescheiterte Flüchtlingspolitik wurde*

- Titel, Thesen, Temperamente, German national television, Das Erste

*A shocking account of European asylum policy from 2015 to the present day./*

*Eine erschütternde Bilanz der europäischen Asylpolitik von 2015 bis heute.*

- Titel, Thesen, Temperamente, German national television Das Erste

*Disturbingly good*

- Adresseavisen

*A particular strength of the book is the elegant and convincing alternation between narratives of individual persons and general human experience.*

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- The jury of NTNUs Literature Prize

*An extraordinarily rich and insightful presentation of one of the most important and dramatic chapters in European contemporary history*

- Forlaget Press

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**Katrin Glatz Brubakk** (1970) is a German-Norwegian child

psychologist specializing in trauma. She works as an assistant professor at NTNU, University in Trondheim, Norway, and is an experienced staff member for MSF. She is one of the most prominent Norwegian advocates for refugee rights, and the prime press source to information from the camp. She has also written "Diary from Gaza", based on her work on the Gaza Strip during the war in 2024.



**Guro Kulset Merakerås** (1976) is an award winning Norwegian journalist and author with a Masters degree in German and English literature from NTNU, University in Trondheim.

She has been working as an independent freelance journalist in Norway since 2007.

"Moria" was her third book, succeeded by "I am Mariam", the gripping and deeply personal story of an Afghan woman finding freedom in Norway.

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