

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro Campus Weeks 2021

Guest Lecture by Dr. Emily Frazier-Rath, Visiting Asst. Prof. of German, Davidson College

“Roma Refugee Activism against Deportation: The Prizreni Brothers’ Fight for a Home in (and beyond) Germany”



Hikmet and Kefaet Prizreni were born in the former Yugoslavia shortly before their family fled the region and resettled in Germany in the late 1980s. The Prizrenis, former Roma refugees from Kosovo (a non-EU so-called “safe country of origin”) are living lives of increased precarity informed by both German and Balkan states’ immigration and citizenship laws. Faced with uncertainty, instability, and insecurity in both Kosovo and Germany, the brothers began to write and perform music explicitly addressing their situation. Emily Frazier-Rath will present the Prizrenis’ story, focusing particularly on how the brothers’ activism has enabled them to claim and build a version of secure and sustainable ‘home’ despite national policies that have made it extraordinarily difficult to do so. She will show how the Prizrenis’ version of ‘home’ exists at a trans-European level through relationships founded upon a shared interest in hip-hop.

**Wednesday, October 20, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
in SOEB 120 and on Zoom ([link](#))**

**You are also invited to attend Dr. Frazier-Rath’s discussion of the film
Trapped by Law, on Nov. 1st 4:30-5:30 PM on Zoom ([link](#)).
To access the film with closed captions [click here](#)!**

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