



INVITATION

The Faculty of Humanities invites you

to the screening of the critically-acclaimed documentary

After Spring (2016)

On Monday, 2 October 2017, at 7.00 pm,

Amphitheatre B108, «Anastasios G. Leventis» Building,

[1 Panepistimiou Ave](#), 2109 Aglantzia

Produced by Jon Stewart and Chris McShane

and directed/produced by Steph Ching and Ellen Martinez

Guest Speaker: Kilian Kleinschmidt

After Spring tells the story of Syrian refugees at the Za'atari Refugee Camp, home to 80,000 people and now considered the fourth largest city in Jordan. More than 50 percent of the camp's population is under 18 years old and over 5,000 babies have been born in the camp since it opened in July 2012. In the film, we see two refugee families struggling to survive along with their determination to rebuild their lives in the camp as they fear that there is no way back to their country. "Our goal was to put a human face to the Syrian refugee crisis. Unfortunately, the need for empathy and understanding has never been more urgent... We implore everyone to watch this film and spend some time with these two families who are affected by war and are now seeking safety." (Steph Ching, Ellen Martinez)

Steph Ching was associate producer and additional editor on the Emmy-nominated documentary *Supermensch: The Legend of Shep Gordon*. Her grandmother was a refugee at the end of WWII before eventually making her way to the United States.

Ellen Martinez was associate producer on *Tested*, a feature documentary about educational inequality in the New York City public school system. Martinez has spent more than eight years in the Middle East and lived in Syria for four years.

After Spring made its world premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival and won the Audience Award at the New Orleans Film Festival 2016.

www.broadwayworld.com/bwwtv/article/Acclaimed-Documentary-AFTER-SPRING-to-Make-National-TV-Debut-on-Starz-210-20170203

Kilian Kleinschmidt is an international networker, humanitarian, and refugee expert with over 25 years of experience as a United Nations official, aid worker, and diplomat. He is the founder and chairman of the Startup Innovation and Planning Agency (IPA) which aims to connect the millions of poor and dispossessed with the idle and under-utilised resources and modern technologies of the 21st century through its project SWITxBOARD. He advises the Austrian Ministry of Interior on Refugee issues and has become known as the “Mayor of Za’atari” for the management of the Za’atari refugee camp in Northern Jordan from 2013–2014. Previous senior roles include deputy humanitarian coordinator for Somalia, deputy special envoy for assistance to Pakistan, acting director for communities and minorities in the UN administration in Kosovo, executive secretary for the Migration and Refugee Initiative (MARRI) in the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, and many field based functions with UNHCR, UNDP, and WFP. He worked extensively in Africa, South Eastern Europe, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.