

# Where is War? What is Refuge?

Maynooth University Department of Geography invites you to attend a seminar presented by:

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**Date:** 14th November

**Time:** 4pm

**Location:** Rocque Lab, Rhetoric House



Within liberal narratives of war and refuge, the two terms are often juxtaposed. War is often represented as the antithesis of refuge. In this talk, Dr. Malene H. Jacobsen troubles these assumptions. She offers a feminist geographical analysis focusing on the relationships between war and refuge.

Drawing on in-depth research conducted with Syrian refugees in Denmark, Dr. Jacobsen traces the ways in which refugees encounter and negotiate war within and across geographical sites. She argues that the experience of war does not end when Syrians are able to escape the territory of Syria. Rather, the violence and trauma of war are experienced in intimate ways, appear in unexpected places, and morph into what Syrian refugees call ḥarb nafsīa (نفسية حَرْب) a war on and against the soul, the mind, and the existence of a person. This talk contributes to geographers' theorizations of war, asking us to rethink a broader set of questions concerning the location of war and ontology of refuge.

