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INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE DAY + FACING PREJUDICE

By Mark Henley

18.06.2018 – 10am/6pm

Photographic Workshop

Invitation only

20.06.2018 – 12pm/7.00pm – Opening at 12pm

Exhibition at the Greek Parliament, Athens

Invitation only

20.06.2018 to 27.06.2018 – Opening/Happening at 8pm

Exhibition Garage Peugeot, Falirou Str., 97

Hours: 2pm-8pm Daily /Public

After being first produced and exhibited by Flux Laboratory in Zurich in 2017, "Facing Prejudice" was presented at the International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights (FIFDH) in 2018.
"Facing Prejudice" will be presented worldwide to raise awareness.

"This project is a reaction against prejudice, to change the perception of refugees, and help the process of integration »
Mark Henley

In 2016, with the partnership and the support of the Greek Ministry of Culture, Fluxum Foundation/Flux Laboratory produced an action, thought as a cultural symbol, by welcoming 100 people, families of refugees and migrants from Schisto and Eleonas at the Acropolis of Athens.
During a guided tour at the Parthenon and its Museum, children and parents together discovered a part of Greek history, the history of their host country.
This symbolic action has since then become a tradition.

The migratory situation has been stabilizing, little by little, day after day, since the beginning of the humanitarian crisis. Greece, followed by other European countries, continues to integrate people and families.

This year, the Greek Parliament, the Greek Ministry of Culture, the Embassy of Switzerland in Greece and Fluxum Foundation/Flux Laboratory have chosen to present a series of portraits of refugees produced by photographer Mark Henley in Switzerland.

Prior to the exhibition at the Greek Parliament, a photography workshop led by Mark Henley will take place on the 18th of June at the Fine Art School of Athens. For one day, 40 young refugees will learn portrait techniques in a photographic studio.

From the 20th to the 27th of June, the work produced by the refugees during the workshop will be presented in Koukaki Area, Falirou Str., 99, alongside Mark Henley's portraits.

BIOGRAPHY

MARK HENLEY

<https://www.markhenleyphotos.com>

Twice named Swiss Press Photographer of the Year, Mark Henley is based in Geneva, Switzerland at the UN. Having spent many years on the road, examining the effects of economic and social change in the world, his recent work observes the structures and organizations affecting those changes, many of them operating from his adoptive home town.

He has also worked extensively on the refugee crisis, his work looks into both of refugees moving through Europe and those seeking asylum in Switzerland, he cooperates with [UNHCR](#) and the [Hospice général](#).

The project '[Bank on Us](#)' on the Swiss banking industry has won several awards including Swiss Press Photographer of the Year in 2012. He won this award a second time in 2014 for his observation of the diplomatic negotiations leading to the Iranian nuclear deal in Geneva '[Waiting on a deal](#)'

Born in Oxford U.K., he studied literature at the University of York, and lived for ten years in Asia.

LINKS

"Facing Prejudice" at Flux Laboratory in Zurich, 2017

<http://www.fluxlaboratory.com/en/programme/facing-prejudice-by-mark-henley-2510>

International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights (FIFDH), 2018

<https://www.fifdh.org/site/en/programme/facing-prejudice-mark-henley/374207>

Hellenic Parliament

<https://www.hellenicparliament.gr/en/>

Greek Ministry of Culture

<https://www.culture.gr/en/ministry/SitePages/minister.aspx>

Embassy of Switzerland in Greece

<https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/greece/en/home/representations/embassy-athens.html>

Presence Switzerland

<https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/fdfa/organisation-fdfa/general-secretariat/presence-switzerland.html>

FLUXUM FOUNDATION

www.fluxumfoundation.org

Fluxum Foundation is a non-profit private foundation established in 2002 in Geneva, aiming to encourage and develop culture in Switzerland and abroad. Dance is the primary mean of expression in any artistic or cultural concept supported by the Foundation.

The Foundation works in a spirit of open-mindedness to foster new projects. It supports creation and training in the field of dance. Fluxum Foundation works closely with Flux Laboratory.

FLUX LABORATORY

www.fluxlaboratory.com

Founded in 2003 by Cynthia Odier, Flux Laboratory is a cultural center based in Geneva, and Athens. As a concrete tool for reflection and mediation, it is surrounded by a rich ecosystem of entrepreneurs, artists and thinkers, constantly reinventing it (more than 400 creators over the last 15 years).

Flux Laboratory encourages synergies and exchanges between institutions, cultural actors, as well as between the public and private sectors.

Flux Laboratory produces transdisciplinary artistic projects and experiments with new creative and collaborative processes.

STORY OF THE PROJECT

23.2.2016 - Shoot of 51 asylum seekers from 17 countries, on three sites in Geneva, including a civil protection shelter (bunker) being used at the time to house asylum seekers in Geneva.



15.3.2016 - InsideOut project, portraits pasted on Plainpalais by the asylum seekers themselves (<https://www.letemps.ch/culture/plainpalais-une-mosaïque-refugies>)



16.3.2016 - Discovery of attack on exhibition the next morning, and documentation of this attack, making the series that would become Facing Prejudice.



21.3.2016 - Exhibition of original portrait series, plus other work, including photos taken by the asylum seekers, at Galérie La Cave, Geneva



23.02.2017 - Facing Prejudice received 'Award of Excellence' at the POYi, Pictures of the Year International, in the United States www.poyi.org

20.03.2017 - Swissinfo publication "in 7 languages, Facing Prejudice - Defaced" https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/facing-prejudice---documentary-photography_defaced/43035458



21.03.2017 - Exhibition Facing Prejudice at Flux Laboratory, Zurich



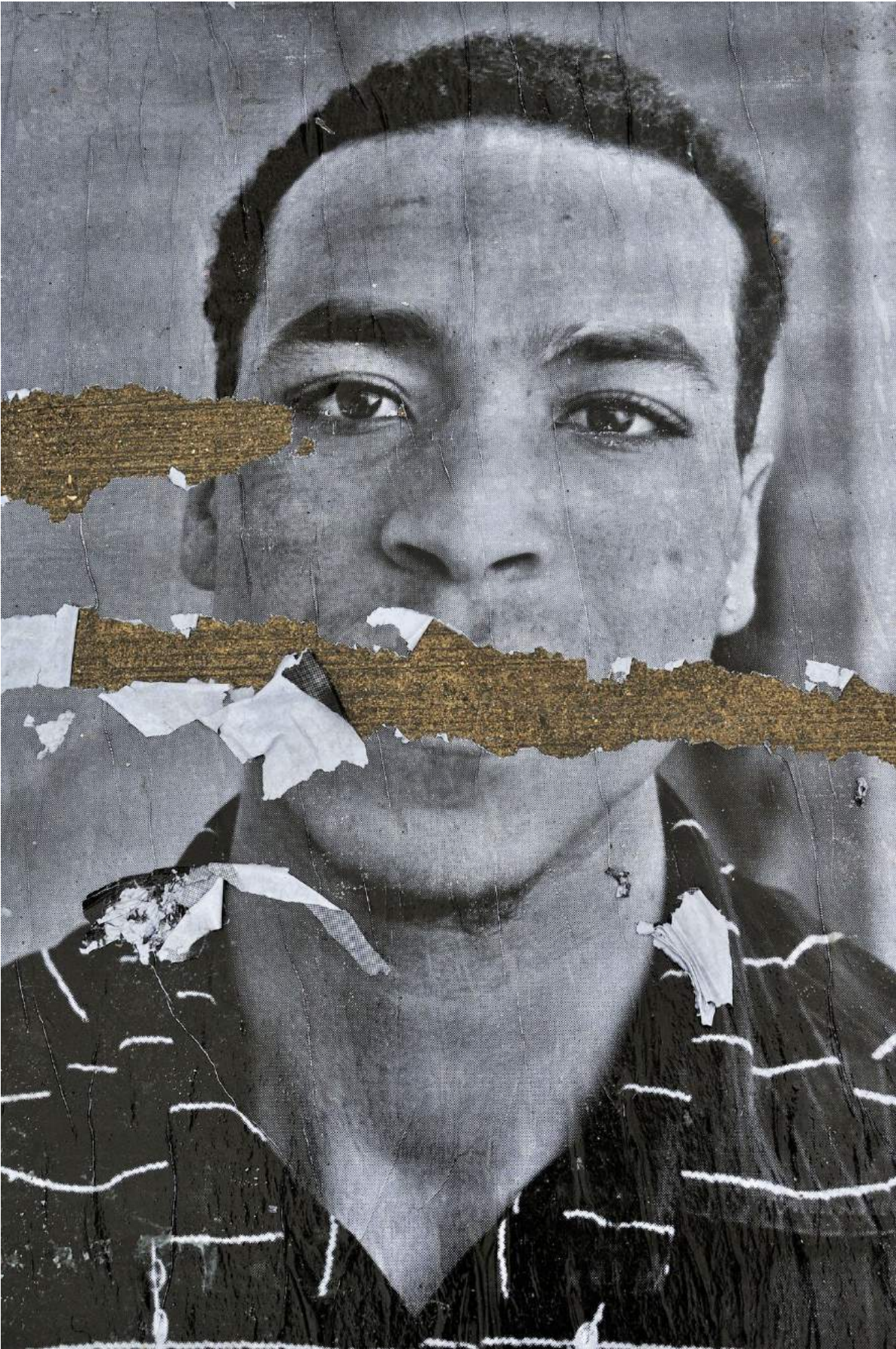
14.6.2017 - Exhibition at the Palais des Nations, the United Nations in Geneva, of the original series of portraits, with Swiss Delegation to ONU, Hospice General, and UNHCR Switzerland as partners. Including accompanying publication.

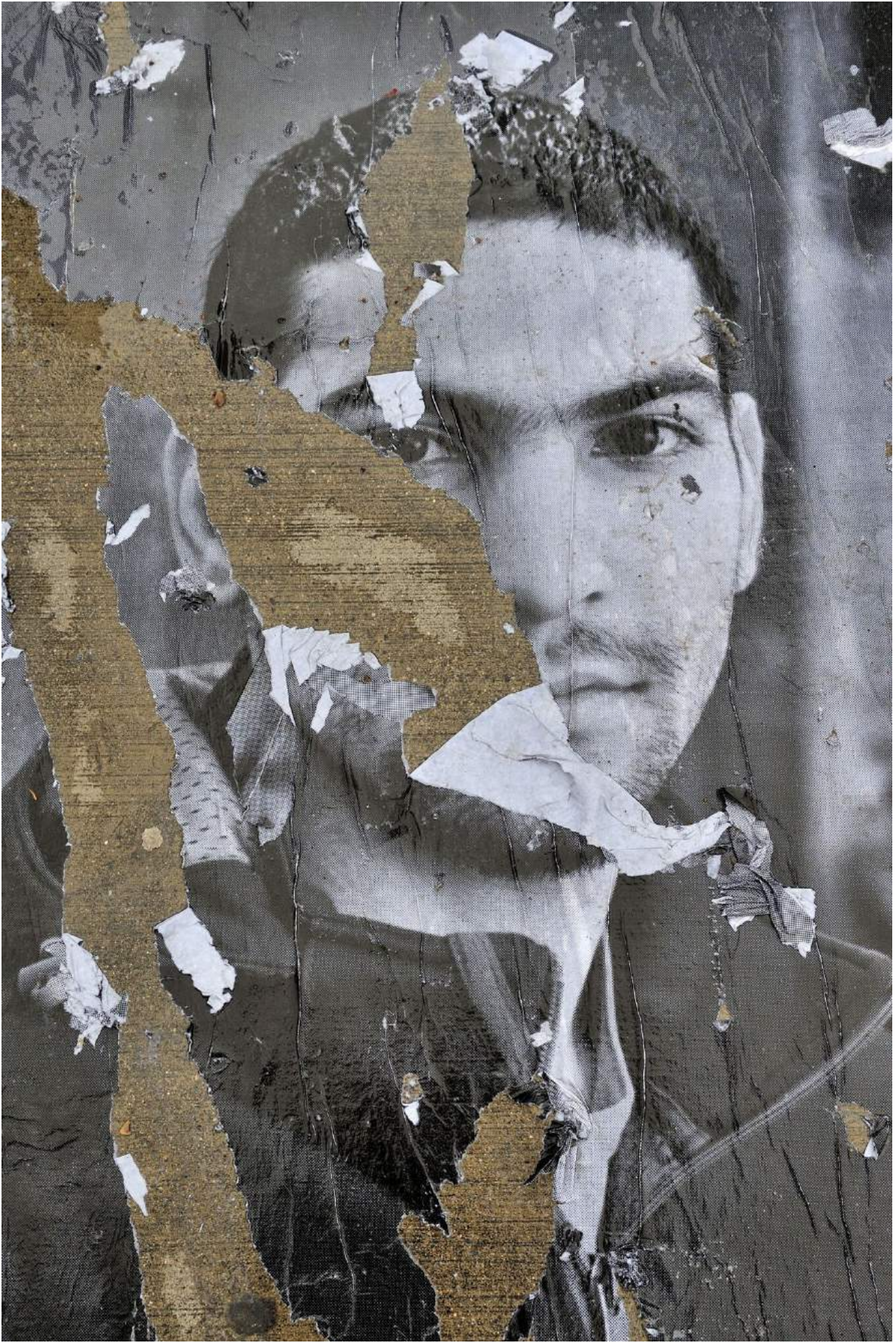


15.6.2017 - Facing Prejudice series shown and discussed during colloque at the UN on the issue of representation of male refugees.

9.3.2018 - Facing Prejudice exhibition at FIFDH in Geneva (International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights). Theatre Pitroeff. First representation of the two series together.









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