Ludwig Laher’s novel depicts the life of a ‘Gypsy’ girl from Slovakia who is removed from her family and Romani settlement. She suffers abuse in orphanages, forced prostitution and drug dependency on her way into western Europe. Laher’s book, based on interviews with East European women who have settled in Austria, tackles one of the twenty-first century’s growing problems: the intersection of the lives of Eastern European migrants and wealthier residents of Western Europe.

The reading will be followed by a discussion (also in English) with the author.

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