As winter falls, women and children compose an increasingly higher percentage of the Middle Eastern refugees on the refugee trail to Western Europe. What dangers and fears threaten refugees crossing from Turkey through Greece and the Balkans to Germany? What roles do governments, large international agencies, and local NGOs play in the refugee camps on the way? What are “strategic camps”? Who is being excluded?

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