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## Escape, Public Space, Suicide: FHWien of WKW's Journalism Young Talent Award Presented

**Eleven talents were awarded for the best practical work of the last academic year in the categories Radio & Audio, TV & Video, Text, Multimedia and Best Thesis.**

*Vienna, September 28, 2021* – The Journalism & Media Management study programs at FHWien der WKW have presented the Journalism Young Talent Award for the third time. On Monday, September 27, 2021, the eleven award winners were honored at an online event. Johanna Hirzberger and Michel Mehle from Radio Radieschen, FHWien's educational radio station, moderated the event.

### **Major topics that matter**

The submitted works once again covered a wide range of topics. This ranged from flight and faith to Fiacres in Vienna, conflicts regarding the use of public space and suicide. The works were judged by an expert jury with Daniela Süssenbacher, Head of Journalism & Media Management Study Programs, and the four Academic Experts & Lecturers Regula Blocher, Carola Leitner, Martin Reichenauer and Karina Schwann from FHWien der WKW. The jury also included eight independent journalists: Bea Sommersguter and Elisabeth Stratka (both Ö1) in the Radio & Audio category, Christine Grabner (freelance TV editor) and Eduard Moschitz (ORF) in the TV & Video category, Simone Hoepke (Kurier) and Jakob Winter (Profil) in the Text category, and Yvonne Widler (Kurier) and Robert Varga (APA) in the Multimedia category.

### **Platform and support for young journalism**

The Journalism Young Talent Award of FHWien der WKW is endowed with a total of 2,500 euros. With this award, the university of applied sciences, which specializes in management and communication, supports students and graduates in their career entry and offers them a platform to present themselves to the industry as well as to a larger audience. Prizes are awarded to the best practical journalistic works that were produced in the past academic year as part of courses or as final theses.

The following young talents received the Journalism Young Talent Award 2021 of FHWien der WKW for their outstanding achievements:

### **Radio report on escape due to sexual orientation**

Ronny Taferner was awarded in the Radio & Audio category for his contribution "Escape due to sexual orientation". The contribution highlights an underrepresented aspect of the asylum search of people from foreign countries in a differentiated way. The protagonists tell of the death penalty and partners left behind, of war, oppression and persecution.

### **TV documentary about the life and suffering of a fiacre driver**

In the TV & Video category, the group work "Die Fiakerkrise" by Victoria Belyus, Emilia Garbsch, Maria Mayböck and Lena Öller was awarded. The contribution immerses the viewers in the life and suffering of a fiacre driver and shows the challenges she had to face during the lockdown – with some melancholy, but also a good portion of Viennese charm.

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## **Text about a controversial religious community**

In his report "The Only True Christians", Viktor Wenger deals with the "Holic Group" founded in Vienna. Sect agencies and ideology departments describe this little-known religious community as dangerous and appropriating. In addition to a lot of background knowledge, the article provides exciting insights into this movement.

## **Multimedia group work on conflicts of use in public space**

In the Multimedia category, the award went to the contribution "Who owns public space?" by Mona Saidi, Daniela Schmidt, Daniel Stornig and Marietta Trendl. The interactive multimedia report discusses highly relevant questions about conflicts regarding the use of public space and looks at developments and grievances from different angles. What does public space look like after months of a global pandemic? And who has more claim to it than others do?

## **Talking about suicide – radio feature is best thesis**

The prize for the best final thesis went to Julia Verena Jesch for her radio feature "Let's talk about suicide – experiences, grief and prevention". Talking and reporting about suicide can save lives. But it can also lead to people ending their lives. In two consecutive radio programs on this sensitive topic, experts, affected persons, those left behind and journalists have their say.

All award-winning contributions were published in the online magazine [Journalismus studieren](#) (Studying Journalism) of the Journalism & Media Management study programs at FHWien der WKW.

## **Image to download:**

On September 27, 2021, FHWien der WKW presented the Journalism Young Talent Award for outstanding work by young talents in the following categories: Radio & Audio, TV & Video, Text, Multimedia and Best Thesis.

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