

Fatemeh Ekhtesari

Writer, Poet related to ICORN – Iran/Norway



Fatemeh is an Iranian poet, writer and a freelance filmmaker, who has published 8 books including poetry collections, short story collections and novel. Some of her poems have been performed by different singers.

She was the director of a magazine about postmodern literature in Iran that was banned before she was arrested.

In 2013, she attended a poetry festival in Gothenburg (Göteborgs poesifestival). After she arrived in Iran and she was imprisoned, later released on bail.

In 2015, she was sentenced to 99 lashes and 11.5 years imprisonment, therefore she left Iran illegally to Turkey. It was at that moment that she was invited by ICORN to live in

Norway for two years as a guest writer.

She has a master degree in midwifery and she worked as a midwife in Iran beside all of her activity in literature. She has made four documentary films in different countries (Thailand, Sweden, Germany and Norway). The last one (by name Unpublishable) is about book censorship in Iran.

Since 2017, when she moved to Norway, she has been trying to continue her art works as a poet and writer and now she is also studying visual arts.