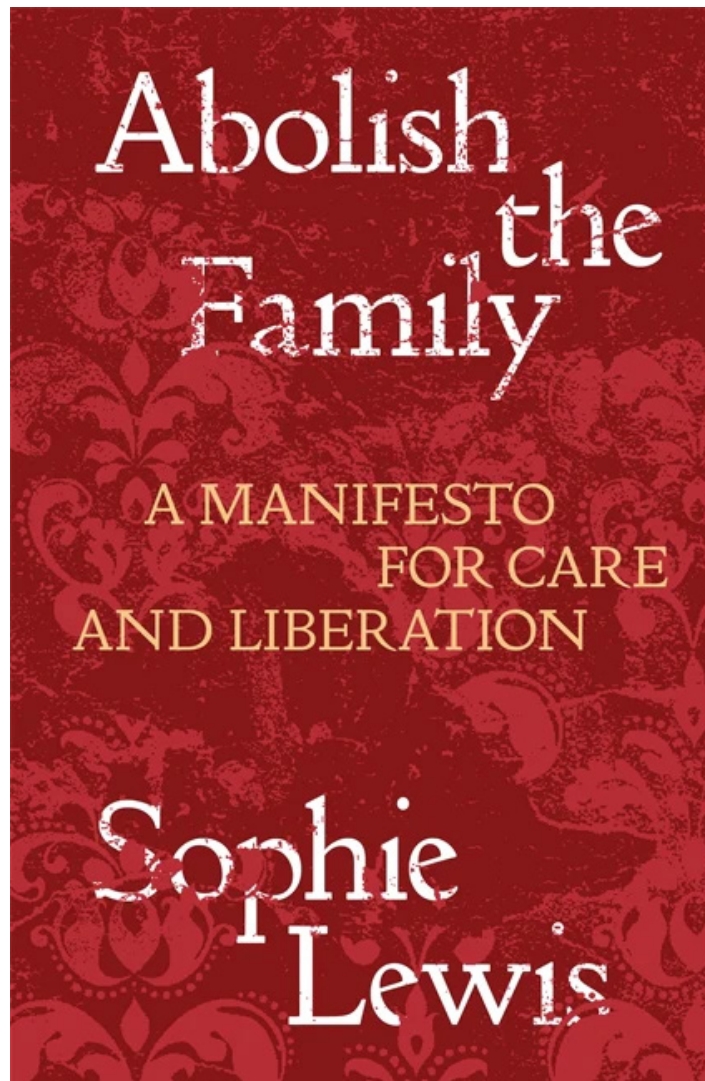


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**brut nordwest**

**Nordwestbahnstraße 8-10, 1200 Vienna**

Wed, 24 January, 8:00 pm

**Sophie Lewis**

**Abolish the Family: A Manifesto for Care and Liberation**

Book talk / book presentation

in English

**Guest** Sophie Lewis **Moderation** Nanna Heidenreich

**A cooperation between** brut Vienna, the University of Applied Arts Vienna (Department of Transcultural Studies), and Vienna University (Department of Theatre, Film and Media Studies) **Book Table** by Chicklit

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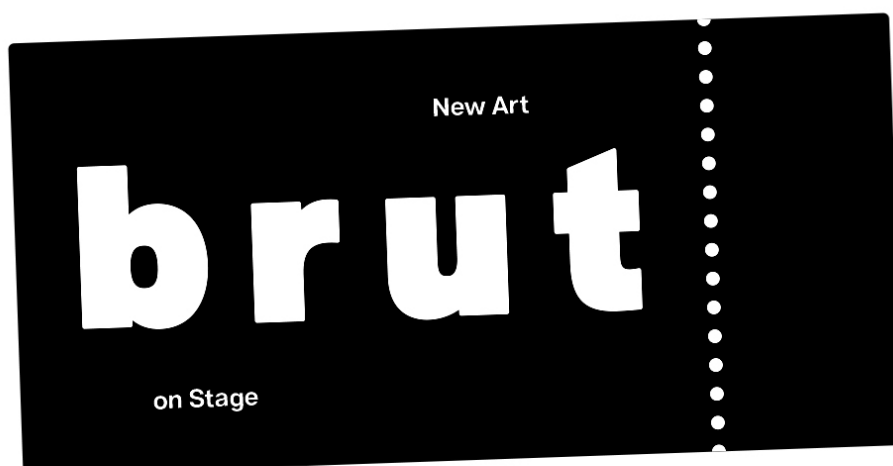


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Author and scholar Sophie Lewis is coming to Vienna to present her latest book *Abolish the Family: A Manifesto for Care and Liberation* at brut nordwest and debates different concepts of family – from Plato to communist ideas to contemporary queer theory.

What if *the* family is not the only place where one can feel safe, loved, taken care of and accepted? What if we could do better than the family? With *Abolish the Family*, Sophie Lewis offers us a passionate manifesto advocating for collective care work. Lucky are those who find love and care in their “own” families. Yet, most of the time, the family is home of pain, abuse and violence. And even in so-called happy families, living together means hard labor. With this new essay, Sophie Lewis claims that both the care-taker and the care-taken deserve something much better! In this urgent, incisive polemic, Lewis makes the case for family abolition, tracing the history of ideas and movements questioning traditional occidental family concepts. Her feminist critique shows: only by thinking beyond the family can we begin to imagine what might come after.

Sophie  
Lewis

Die  
Familie  
abschaffen

Wie wir Care-Arbeit  
und Verwandtschaft  
neu erfinden

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**Sophie Lewis** is an author and independent scholar based in Philadelphia. She is teaching social and critical theory at the Brooklyn Institute for Social Research and is a visiting scholar at the Feminist, Queer and Transgender Studies Center at the University of Pennsylvania. She has published numerous texts in the “Boston Review”, the “New York Times”, “Feminist Theory” and the “London Review of Books”. *Abolish the Family* as well as her first book *Full Surrogacy Now* were published by Verso Books; a German translation by Lucy Duggan appeared with S. Fischer.

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Nordwestbahnstraße 8-10, 1200 Vienna

{Force fields}  
{Folklore}  
{Beat grooves}

Wed, 31 January, 8:00 pm

**Handle with care mit Mirjam Sögner**

**ZaZaZa – ein Reigen**

Studio visit / Dance / Discourse

brut at METRO Kinokulturhaus

Johannesgasse 4, 1010 Vienna

{Drag}  
{Cowboy}  
{Idleness}

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{imagetanz 2024}  
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In March, it's time for imagetanz 2024! For three weeks, the festival at brut presents a varied programme of new positions in choreography and performance. At brut nordwest, studio brut and WUK performing arts, international and local artists and collectives will present a diverse programme of (world) premieres. In an outreach programme with workshops, discussion rounds and access formats, imagetanz 2024 will also focus on questions of accessibility in the performing arts. Studio visits, audience discussions and festival parties complete the imagetanz 2024 programme. imagetanz is also celebrating its 35th birthday in 2024.

Happy birthday!

**With** Claire Lefèvre, Ceylan Öztrük, Matteo Haitzmann with Arthur Fussy & Judith Schwarz, Transformative Narratives (Lena Kuzmich, Tony Wagner & Guests), Yoh Morishita, Mads Floor Andersen, Tanja Erhart, Julischka Stengele, HUGGY BEARS: Helena Araújo, Ale Bachlechner, Sebastijan Geč & MO-ZA-IK (Jamali Abale, Viviane Le Tanzmeister, Rosa Perl und Mátyás Kantor), Tanja Erhart, Julischka Stengele and many others

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