The program in Modern Greek Studies
Presents

Amanda Michalopoulou

Award winning author and journalist
Reading from her book “Why I killed my best friend”

Translated into English by Karen Emmerich

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5:30 pm
Rhode Island Hall, Room 108
60 George Street

Amanda Michalopoulou is the author of five novels, two short story collections and a successful series of children’s books. One of Greece’s leading contemporary writers, Michalopoulou has won the country’s highest literary awards, including the Revmata prize and the Diavazo award. Her collection of short stories, I’d like, was long listed for the best Translation Book Award.

Synopsis: Set in ‘70s, in post dictatorship Greece and using the back drop of Greek politics, radical protests and the art world, WIKMGF charts the ups and downs and fallings out of the powerful self-destructive bond that best friends can have. Why I killed my best friend is a novel that ultimately compares and explores friendship as a political system of totalitarianism and democracy.

Karen Emmerich is Assistant Professor of Comparative Literature at the University of Oregon, where she specializes in translation studies. She is also a translator of modern Greek poetry and prose; her recent translations include books by Miltos Sachtouris, Margarita Karapanou, Amanda Michalopoulou, Ersi Sotiropoulos, and Yannis Ritsos