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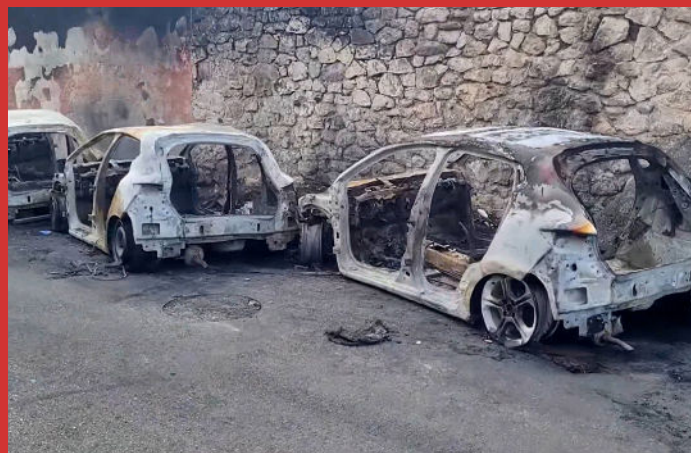
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NEW RELEASES



*2025 - 52 min - ENG, FR
 Producer: Galaxie Presse
 Director: Gaëlle Pialot
 Commissioner: Histoire TV*

Franco: Spain's Scorned Memory

The Caudillo continues to cast a long shadow on Spanish society. How is it that a country known for being a progressive beacon, a country which had the Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet arrested for crimes against humanity in 1998, is unable to come to terms with its own past? As the fiftieth anniversary of Franco's death approaches, to what extent is the rise in historical revisionism and the memory of Franco empowering the Spanish far right?

Despite recent laws forbidding the glorification of the Spanish Civil War and excusing Francoism, the 'Cara al sol' hymn to Franco is regularly heard at Vox rallies. This extreme right-wing party has adopted Franco's narrative on Spanish national identity and made the rehabilitation of the dictator a key part of its electoral campaign. Every year on the 20th November, the date of the Franco's death, some twenty churches in Spain still hold masses in memory of the

dictator. In Madrid, the Franco Foundation, set up to "honor the memory" of the general, still receives subsidies. It can count on the support of Madrid's current mayor, Jose Luis Martinez Almeida, a self-proclaimed fascist. Among other things, he ordered the demolition of a mausoleum dedicated to the 3,000 people shot in the ravines of the capital's largest cemetery between 1940 and 1945.

Some institutions, such as the Spanish Church, co-responsible with Franco's regime for the theft of thousands of babies from Spanish maternity wards, still refuse to open their archives, despite the memorial laws that oblige them to do so.

In Spain, after decades of silence, never has there been so much talk about the Civil War and Franco as there is today.



That Friday

On the evening of the terrorist attack on the Bataclan on 13 November 2015, Daniel Psenny, then a journalist for *Le Monde*, lived in a building next to the concert hall. As dozens of panicked people, some seriously injured, fled through the emergency exits of the concert hall he started instinctively filming with his mobile. When he realised the gravity of the situation, he went to help a wounded spectator in the street and was himself seriously wounded.

That evening, Daniel Psenny was at once observer, rescuer, victim and then miraculously saved. He was also a journalist with quick reflexes who took the only images at the time of the attack, which were broadcast and reposted everywhere. These images are a unique testimony to the terrorist madness of that night.

Who were those people in the images? Ten years later, what has become of them? Do they resent

2025 - 52 min - ENG, FR

Producer: *Premières Lignes*

Directors: Daniel Psenny & Franck Zahler

Commissioner: LCP

Daniel for filming and showing them at their most vulnerable?

We go with Psenny as he speaks to several of the survivors at length. This film, based on their conversations, is the story – a behind-the-scenes account – of the ‘big story’ of 13 November 2015. For the witnesses, it is also a work of remembrance that they want to leave to future generations.

We highlight how these men and women reacted to an extraordinary situation in which their lives were directly threatened. In this kind of situation, the same existential question always arises: “What would I have done?” These people know the answer.



2025 - 52 min - ENG, FR

Producer: *SlugNews*

Director: Martine Laroche-Joubert

Commissioner: M6

Israel: A Tragedy Foretold

It is the greatest tragedy Israel has ever known. On 7 October 2023, a surprise attack by Hamas left 1,200 people dead and 250 Israelis taken hostage. Since then, Israel’s war against Hamas in the Gaza Strip has claimed the lives of over 50,000 Palestinians. The Middle East is once again plunged into chaos and peace is further away than ever. Yet this disaster could have been avoided.

Israel’s top military and intelligence officials have acknowledged their failure and analysed its causes, with several resigning. Blindness, overconfidence, underestimation of the enemy, and a sense of technological and military superiority: the conclusions of the army’s investigations are clear.

Hamas’ plans were known and its men trained for months in front of Israeli soldiers and observers without the alert being taken seriously. In the hours leading up to the attack, numerous worrying signs were recorded but ignored. Even the defence of the border with Gaza and the army’s response suffered from tragic shortcomings. Who made the wrong decisions and why? We investigate, point by point with witnesses directly involved, the story of what the Israeli army calls its “total failure”.

We also investigate the responsibilities of the Israeli political leadership. The director of the internal intelligence service, Shin Bet, accuses “the political echelons” of ‘deliberate and prolonged disregard for warnings,’ but Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu still refuses to set up a state commission of inquiry.



Scandinavia: The New Cold War

The invasion of Ukraine changed everything for Russia's Scandinavian neighbours. 200 years of neutrality, which had previously created a sense of stability, was replaced with NATO membership. Finland, Norway and Sweden are now preparing for the possibility of war. Their citizens have been asked to stock up on water, tinned food and iodine tablets.

All three countries share land borders with Russia. Stockholm is only 500 kilometres from the military base at Kaliningrad, the Russian enclave between Poland and Lithuania. This proximity makes them fear an attack from the Russian giant, as they control highly strategic zones: the Baltic Sea and the Arctic. These countries, historically hostile to excessive militarization, have, in the space of a few months, become Europe's bridgehead against Russian imperialism.

2025 - 52 min - ENG, FR

Producer: Babel Doc

Director: Lauriane David

Commissioner: M6

Sweden, Finland and Norway have decided to create a common military corridor crossing their territories in the Arctic, a strategic region likely to harbor 13% of the world's oil reserves and 30% of its undiscovered natural gas. A region that is now increasingly accessible thanks to the accelerating melting of the ice, which is also opening up new shipping lanes.

For Norway in particular, this represents a paradigm shift. Before the outbreak of war in Ukraine, the mayors of the country's north had created strong links between their municipalities and Russia, which wanted to open up a route to the Arctic.



ZELENSKY

A FILM BY YVES JEULAND · ARIANE CHEMIN · LISA VAPNÉ

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2025 - 90 & 2 x 60 min - ENG, FR

Producer: Particules Docs

Directors: Ariane Chemin,

Yves Jeuland & Lisa Vapné

Commissioner: ARTE

Featuring rare access to President Zelensky and the people who have known him since his childhood – as well as photos, film archives and never-before-seen eyewitness accounts – this film, which premiered in a Special Screening at the Cannes Film Festival, paints a picture of both the president and his country.

Since February 24, 2022, Zelensky has been the embodiment of a nation on the frontlines. Born in the town of Kryvyi Rih, raised in the Soviet style like all young children of his generation, he is now fighting against Putin's Russia. This film tells the story of this double metamorphosis.

It paints a portrait of Volodymyr Zelensky and Ukraine – in Kryvyi Rih, the town of his roots and education, and Kyiv, the capital of his success in

And Volodia became Zelensky

the world of show business and the audiovisual industry – through astonishing images and privileged witnesses. As well as featuring an interview with Zelensky, this film centres around the men and women who have known and worked with him from his earliest childhood right up to the present day. Also featured in this film: the team who surrounded him in the exercise of power and those who have stayed by his side since the beginning of the war.

Directed by renowned French documentary filmmaker Yves Jeuland, respected French journalist Ariane Chemin, and historian and researcher Lisa Vapné, this film will remain relevant for years to come.



Achille Lauro: The Terror Cruise

October 7th, 1985. The Italian cruise ship, 'Achille Lauro', carrying passengers from all over the world, is hijacked by a Palestinian commando. It was the beginning of a three-day ordeal culminating in the murder of an American hostage and an armed standoff between two NATO allies to capture his killers. An event that catalysed US policy towards counter-terrorism and the Arab-Israeli conflict. For the first time, this film brings together the main protagonists to reveal what really happened.

"There were some officers shouting that there's people on the boat with guns", recalls crew member Michelle Gillen. The hijackers were four armed men of the PLF, an armed wing of Yasser Arafat's PLO. They demanded the liberation of 50 Palestinians in Israeli prisons and forced the ship's captain to navigate towards Syria. America deployed special forces in the Mediterranean

2025 - 90 & 52 min - ENG, IT

Producer: B&B Films

Director: Simone Manetti

Commissioner: ARTE

for an armed intervention but the Italian government opted for a diplomatic solution and put pressure on PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

After days of negotiations the Palestinians agreed to release the passengers in exchange for safe passage to Tunis and the men were arrested by the Egyptians. It was at this point that news that a passenger had been murdered becomes public. The victim was Leon Klinghoffer, a Jewish-American passenger confined to a wheelchair.

News of the killing triggered an international uproar. US Special forces intercepted a plane carrying the hijackers, provoking a tense standoff with Italy, who insisted on its jurisdiction. The Italians helped ringleader Abu Abbas, who they view as political representative of the PLO as he held a diplomatic passport, escape to Yugoslavia. It was the worst diplomatic and military crisis between the two NATO countries since the second world war.



2025 - 52 min - ENG, FR

Producer: Babel Doc

Director: François-Xavier Trégan

Commissioner: ARTE

Around the world, there are now more people forcibly displaced by cyclones, rising sea levels or drought than refugees from war and conflict. By 2050, the World Bank estimates there could be more than 220 million climate refugees. Yet there is no international legal framework guaranteeing them specific protection. As extreme weather threatens the lives of hundreds of millions of people, how can the world best respond?

In the absence of a global response, the countries and regions most affected by climate change are taking the initiative. Every day, more than 2,000 climate refugees arrive in Dhaka, capital of Bangladesh. Most relocate to the slums, where they live in misery. But a lucky few are given a free home in a 'model village', where they are supported and given the chance of a new life. Bangladesh is promoting the idea of smaller cities, or towns to receive those who

Climate Refugees: A Global Challenge

have to leave their homes and help them rebuild their lives.

However, with the prediction the country will have 20 million climate refugees by 2050, these model villages alone will not be enough to respond to the crisis. One important step is to recognise these people as victims with rights that the state has an obligation to protect. In that field, Colombia is paving the way. Meanwhile, the Pacific Islands are working together to keep climate change on the global agenda. In 2023, they adopted a regional framework that eliminates borders and establishes an obligation of solidarity between all the states in the region.

In the long term, the strategies adopted by Bangladesh, Colombia and The Pacific Islands could become models well beyond their borders.



Being a Woman in Afghanistan: Hell on Earth

We delve into the hell that has become the daily lives of women in Afghanistan since the Taliban returned to power in August 2021. The Taliban have made Afghanistan the worst country in the world for women. Women are now banned from high school and university, excluded from most jobs, forbidden to travel alone, wear make-up, show their faces or even to make their voices heard in public.

To show what life is like in this country, in the media's blind spot, we take an ambitious twofold approach. Thanks to an extremely rare visa, we were able to film in Afghanistan to ostensibly promote Afghan tourist sites, like the ruins of the famous Buddhas of Bamiyan, dynamited by the Taliban themselves 20 years earlier and now promoted as a tourist attraction. But this was

2025 - 52 min - ENG, FR

Producer: Yemaya Productions

Director: Axel Royer

Commissioner: M6

just a cover to give us the necessary access to document and share the stories of this country where women are nowhere to be seen.

At the same time, secret footage shows the hidden face of Afghanistan: economic misery, rising depression and suicides. Several women across the country courageously agreed to film their daily lives on their cell phones, the last bastion of freedom. By replacing their faces with AI generated images, we protect their identities, while retaining their humanity.

In this documentary, the interweaving of official propaganda and real, immersive footage of Afghan's women's daily lives reveals the reality of Afghanistan's gender apartheid, which is unlike anywhere else in the world.



2025 - 90 & 52 min - ENG, FR

Producer: Vincent Productions

Directors: Michael Richter & Arsalan Khalid

Commissioner: ARTE

Blending investigative journalism with cinematic storytelling, this documentary traces Pakistan's slide towards fundamentalism—and asks what this political shift means for a nuclear-armed nation on the edge.

Islamist groups in Pakistan, emboldened by the Taliban's 2021 takeover in Afghanistan, are gaining influence. While Pakistan's military claims to fight extremism, sympathizers exist within its ranks. Add to this a staggering economic collapse, devastating floods, and mounting political paralysis. Will Islamists will use this vacuum to reshape Pakistan? What does this means for global security?

Since its founding in 1947, Pakistan has been locked in conflict with India—especially over Kashmir. The military has long claimed to be the country's backbone, but its record tells a different story. In 1977, General Zia-ul-Haq launched a sweeping Islamization campaign,

Pakistan: On the Brink

reviving harsh Sharia punishments and building a madrasa system that still spreads extremism. Pakistan turned into a breeding ground for radical ideologies—roots that continue to feed today's crisis.

We visit the infamous Red Mosque in Islamabad, a Taliban stronghold, and cities like Karachi, Lahore, and Peshawar—each showing a different face of a country under strain. We investigate the rising popularity of radical clerics, the enduring influence of the military, and the populist wave that keeps former Prime Minister Imran Khan—nicknamed "Taliban Khan"—firmly in the spotlight. Meanwhile, Pakistan's minorities face blasphemy charges and public education has become an engine for religious indoctrination.

As the educated class leaves and the economy flatlines, climate change strikes hard. The 2022 floods submerged a third of the country, displacing millions and amplifying public frustration.



The Tiger Cartel

We tracked down the leaders of the tiger cartel and infiltrated their clandestine factory farms where the big cats are raised like livestock. A high-risk investigation across Southeast Asia.

Fewer than 5,000 tigers remain in the wild worldwide. But for the traffickers, they're a commodity to be transformed into liqueur, gum, or pills, supposedly offering health and healing for rheumatism. We investigate the leaders of a powerful tiger cartel that stretches from Thailand to Vietnam and China, via Laos.

Planet Killers II

2025 - 3 x 52 min - ENG, FR

Producer: *Premières Lignes*

Directors: *Claire Tesson, Stéphane*

Malterre & Paul Moreira

Commissioner: *France TV Slash*

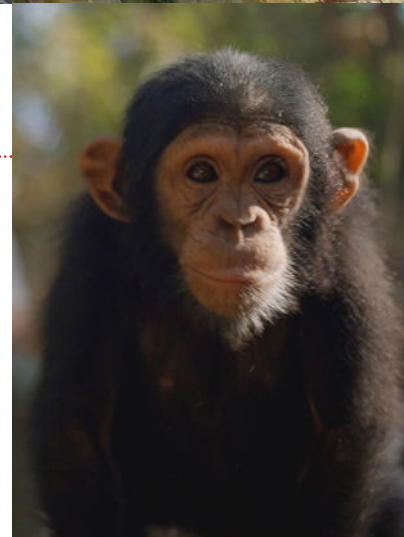
We chase a sprawling network of tiger traffickers in Laos and Thailand. Next, we investigate the international trafficking of rare monkeys from Africa, a market thriving against a backdrop of corruption in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Finally, we join the rangers and activists gangs trying to combat the rhino killers. By exploring these criminal networks, we shine a light on key figures in the trafficking of endangered species while following those who risk their lives to fight them.

With privileged access to NGOs, local activists and networks of whistle-blowers, we reveal the complex workings of this trade and trace it back to the kingpins responsible, who are wanted by the courts.

The Price of Carbon
The Godfather of the Oceans
The Forest Destroyer
The Ivory King

Series I

This new series of 'Planet Killers' continues its exploration of crimes against the environment, this time focusing on wildlife trafficking. The illicit and illegal trade in rare and protected animals is now one of the main threats to global biodiversity. An illegal animal market is flourishing on social media.



The Case of the 40 Monkeys

We investigate the largest seizure of trafficked monkeys ever made in Africa when police intercepted 40 primates captured illegally and destined for Asia. The trafficking involves high-ranking officials in the Democratic Republic of Congo accused of corruption by the United States.

The illegal trade in primates is highly lucrative, with a baby chimpanzee fetching more than €40,000. The Democratic Republic of Congo, the main source of this trafficking, is home to one of the world's greatest varieties of primates. Today, it is being plundered by traffickers to supply private collectors and recreational zoos in Asia and the Middle East.



The Rhino Horn Barons

We follow the bloody hunt for 'Big Joe,' the godfather of rhino poaching, who has been pursued for ten years by South African police and the justice system.

In South Africa, men are killing each other for rhino horns. The country is home to 80% of the world's rhinos, a species on the brink of extinction. This war is fueled by demand in Asia, where the horn, believed to have magical medicinal properties, sells for the price of cocaine. We follow the trail of one of the godfathers of rhino poaching, Joseph Nyalunga, better known as 'Big Joe.'



Until Proven Otherwise

It's a tragic reality that rape has become an inevitable part of migration for many women. Often they flee sexual violence in their home countries, only to experience it again en-route. But what's less known, is that even when they reach the safety of Europe, they have a significantly higher risk of being sexually assaulted than other women. Then, they often accused of "fabricating" their abuse claims to gain residency papers. Some are even imprisoned in detention centres and threatened with deportation when they try to press charges.

In Marseille, in the practice of young Dr. Jeremy Khouani, women seeking asylum come to heal their wounds and tell their stories. Stories in which rape is central, omnipresent. He conducted a ground-breaking study with his patients, published in the prestigious journal 'The Lancet', which establishes factually what the patients of the Peyssonnel nursing home tell

2025 - 60 min - ENG, FR

Producer: SlugNews

Directors: Jean-Baptiste Renaud & Lorraine de Foucher

Commissioner: France 2

us, like an infernal triptych: the sexual violence that sends them on their way, the violence that marks them out, and the violence that still awaits them when they arrive in Europe.

This is a film in which the young Marseille doctor's practice is the nerve center, where old and new patients meet. We follow the story of Hira, a young Pakistani woman threatened with deportation and her despair at not being recognized as the victim she is. We also follow Dr Khouani in his mobile consultations with migrants who have just arrived in France, desperate.

This film presents an original approach to the migration issue, focusing on women and the sexual violence to which they are systematically exposed.



2025 - 52 min - ENG, FR

Producer: Tony Comiti Productions

Commissioner: M6

For years, China has been accused of systematically persecuting the Uyghurs in Xinjiang. Through mass deportations, internment in so-called "reeducation" camps, forced abortions, and the destruction of cultural heritage, the Beijing regime has implemented a relentless policy of repression.

Today, China claims that order has been restored in Xinjiang. That the region is thriving, and that it is open to tourism. But this new phase of Beijing's plan is just as brutal as the previous ones. Under the guise of economic development, China is accelerating the sinicization of the region: Uyghurs are forced into labor, their traditions reduced to a mere folkloric show for Chinese visitors and their mosques either demolished or turned into tourist attractions.

The Uighur Crisis in Xinjiang: A Disappeared People

This investigation, by a leading specialist on the Uyghur crisis for over 25 years, collects harrowing testimonies from survivors, exiled activists, and international experts. Spanning China, Turkey, Kazakhstan, and Europe, it sheds light on the methods of repression and intimidation employed by Beijing, even beyond its borders, to silence any opposition.

With exclusive footage and in-depth analysis, this documentary unveils the extent of Xinjiang's "Potemkinization"—a carefully orchestrated spectacle designed by the regime to disguise the eradication of an entire people and their religion and culture.



Cuba & Alaska

Leaving their civilian lives behind, two young Ukrainian women enrol in the army as military paramedics. There they find violence, pain and sadness, but also friendship, love and dreams of a life without war.

Both Alaska and Cuba volunteered for military service and work as partners in the same unit, serving in the middle of the war-torn, desolate East Ukraine. Despite being very different, they became close friends. Director Yegor Troyanovsky filmed their lives since the summer of 2022, capturing both moments of respite and joy during rotations and the stark horrors of war, where battles against death and the loss of comrades cast long shadows.

Cuba and Alaska have faced challenging tests of fate. Alaska was injured in 2023 after an attack by Russian drones. She had to undergo more than six months of rehabilitation. Step by step, she learned to walk again and is now back on the frontlines.

2025 - 90 & 52 min - ENG, FR
Producers: Clin d'Oeil, Tag Films & 2Brave Productions
Director: Yegor Troyanovsky
Commissioner: ARTE

For Cuba, her promise to avoid romantic entanglements with her male colleagues was both a personal rule and a shield against the fear of losing loved ones in the war. However, love knows no boundaries or timing. In the spring of 2023, she fell in love with Shepa, a fellow soldier. They planned to marry in August, but in July of the same year Shepa was killed in battle.

Amidst this grim reality, dreams of a peaceful future become more and more elusive. Yet, Cuba and Alaska demonstrate remarkable resilience, despite the scars they carry. More than a war film, 'Cuba & Alaska' is a documentary about the longing for a life without war.



2025 - 55 min - ENG, FR
Producer: Ligne de Front
Commissioner: M6

The Russian-Ukrainian war provides a window into what future wars could be like. There, battles are decided by a combination of trench warfare straight out of the last century and swarms of killer drones worthy of a science-fiction film.

From Russian hypersonic missiles to Israeli laser cannons and Chinese anti-satellite rockets, no country wants to be left behind in this new arms race. In Paris, we met the red team. This group of military personnel, scientists and science-fiction scriptwriters has been commissioned by the French Ministry of Defence to imagine the wars of the future. Some of their work has been classified as a defence secret. At 'Arquus', teams are finalizing a 100% autonomous military logistics convoy, with no pilot on board. Meanwhile, near Bordeaux, start-up 'Icarus Swarms' is working on swarms of drones capable

AI & Killer Robots: The Future of War

of coordinating with AI to carry out grouped attacks.

In Ukraine, Ivan Sybyriakov coordinates several high-tech drone manufacturers who are developing low-cost, lethal weapons capable of curbing the numerical superiority of the Russian enemy. We discover these secret factories, which operate around the clock, and follow the tactical units that use them on the front line.

But the use of such intelligent equipment raises many legal and ethical questions. In China and Russia, weapons programmed to kill by themselves, without any human intervention, are already in use.



The Science of Boredom

In our fast-paced, always-on world, stress and burnout are skyrocketing. But now scientists have discovered an unexpected way out of the hamster wheel: boredom. Boredom is much more than pointless idleness. It sparks creativity and refreshes our brains. Yet, too much can lead to “bore-out,” a stress akin to burnout. Find out why we should all do more of doing nothing in this fascinating film that proves boredom is anything but dull.

The statistics are concerning: one in three people experiences work-related stress, and over half feel overwhelmed by the digital overload. The toll of multitasking and constant availability is evident, with stress-related illnesses skyrocketing, even among teenagers. One contributing factor to this epidemic could be the disappearance of boredom as we speed up our lives. By constantly reaching for our smartphones and inundating ourselves with

2025 - 52 min - ENG, GER

Producer: Vincent Films

Director: Anni Brück

Commissioner: ARTE

social media updates, we deprive our brains of the chance to enter idle mode, with significant repercussions, as cautioned by scientists.

Boredom is not merely about a lack of stimulation, but also involves a subjective sense of challenge. It can fuel creativity and social interaction, yet it can also contribute to a range of illnesses, including depression, high blood pressure, addiction, and eating disorders. It has the power to propel individuals to greatness or push them to the brink of despair. In an engaging and visually captivating manner, this film explores the dynamics of overwork, underwork, and boredom through diverse scientific lenses, offering profound insights into our brains, our psyche, and the evolution of humanity.



2025 - 52 min - ENG, FR

Producer: Patrick Spica Productions

Directors: Ibar Aibar & Solène Oeino

Commissioner: M6

We gained exceptional access to the international criminal networks making a fortune from stolen cars. In order to break into the electronic security systems, these thieves have become veritable hackers. Using just the car numberplate, they can obtain clones of keys and fabricate fake vehicle registration documents in order to pass undetected across borders. In this film, they reveal all their tricks.

When Mehdi wants to steal a car, the first step is to make a key to open it without breaking in. He starts by photographing the registration number and sending it to hackers in Eastern Europe who have access to the manufacturers' databases. For a 50 Euro fee, they send Mehdi an encrypted code almost instantaneously, which enables him to make a new physical key. These vehicles are then usually smuggled overseas very quickly.

In recent years, Poland has become a hub for the trafficking of stolen cars in Europe. From Poland,

Motor Mafia: Inside Europe's Car Theft Network

the vehicles then travels further east, towards Kazakhstan and Ukraine. But first, it needs new paperwork. Thanks to accomplices working inside the car manufacturers, the networks have access to blank registration documents. At this point, it becomes virtually undetectable.

Recent years have seen the rise of a new phenomenon: the theft of car accessories. These are very expensive and sometimes difficult to buy new. In one suburb south of Paris, thieves posed as building managers gained access to a residents car part where, over the course of a few weeks, they stripped 60 vehicles of parts. Surveillance footage showed them operating with complete impunity. This documentary dives into the heart of this organised crime network and reveals the hidden secrets of this growing threat.



2025 - 58 min - ENG, FR
Découpages

Syria: The Fall of the Assad Clan

On December 8 2024, Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad and his entire family fled his country and sought refuge in Russia. The swift fall of the Butcher of Damascus, the man who had made a startling comeback after nearly losing everything during the Arab Spring, took everyone by surprise. This film, shot before and after the fall of the regime, tells the story of why his bloody dictatorship fell so quickly.

Thanks to his Russian and Iranian allies, Assad survived the Arab Spring and broke up the opposition. Behind the scenes, his wife, Asma, was monopolising the country's finances. But the war waged against his people has destroyed the economic infrastructure. The country was been bled dry after 54 years of rule by the Assads.

After months of preparation, the Syrian rebels launched a new offensive on 27 November 2024. The rebels put an end to the dictatorship in 11 days, without meeting any serious resistance.



2025 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Patrick Spica Productions

The Nile Dam Conflict: Ethiopia vs Egypt & Sudan

The Nile, which rises in Ethiopia, lies at the heart of a strategic conflict between Egypt, Ethiopia and Sudan. Stretching over 6,700 km, this legendary waterway provides water and sustenance to nearly 500 million people across East Africa. But today, a silent but relentless battle over who controls it is being waged.

For decades Ethiopia - long weakened by civil wars and famine and where half the population lives without electricity - has allowed Egypt and Sudan to appropriate its water. But in 2022, it inaugurated the Grand Renaissance Dam. This fortress now threatens to dry up its neighbours downstream.

In 2021, the crisis took a new turn. Egyptian fighter jets skimmed the Ethiopian border in a calculated show of force. President General Al Sissi, backed by his people, is concerned that his pharaonic project to cultivate 9,000 km of agricultural land in the middle of the desert is in jeopardy. From the source to the mouth, we met the people for whom the Nile is synonymous with survival.



2025 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Ligne de Front

MAGA 2.0: From Border Controls to Budget Cuts

After only five months in office, Donald Trump has already tipped America into a new era. From tariffs and anti-immigration policies to drastic budget cuts and rollbacks on minority rights, the President has made his second term one of shock executive orders and radical decisions. Trump has plunged his Democratic opposition into an unprecedented state of paralysis by saturating the political and media environment.

In a few months, tens of thousands of civil servants have been dismissed. Behind these drastic budget cuts was Trump's once loyal lieutenant Elon Musk and his new department, DOGE. This opaque organisation hired former employees of the billionaire, some of whom were barely 19 years old. The results of DOGE's first four months were lukewarm at best, the promised savings having never materialised.

From the corridors of the White House to the Mexican border, this documentary explains how, in just five months, Donald Trump has wrought panic across America.



2025 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Ligne de Front

USA: Health for Sale

The USA has just left the WHO, the Trump administration has announced billions of cuts on medical research programs, and the new Secretary of Health is a notorious antivax and conspiracy theorist. Right now, it's best not to get sick in America! Particularly as the healthcare system here is already largely failing.

Medical expenses are the leading cause of personal bankruptcy in the USA. Faced with bills sometimes running into hundreds of thousands of dollars, patients are reduced to launching online fundraising campaigns in the hope of paying for their treatment.

Certain doctors have invested in a niche market: medicine for the ultra-rich. Dr Lawson has only a few patients, but he is at their service 24 hours a day and will jump on a plane at a moment's notice to see them. He charges \$100,000 per patient per year for this service.

An investigation into the American healthcare system, one of the most expensive and unequal in the world.



2025 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Tony Comiti Productions

Madrid: The New European Capital of Extravagance

Long overshadowed by Barcelona, Madrid is now making a comeback. Since 2017 and the global success of 'La Casa de Papel', the Spanish capital has established itself as the new centre of gravity in the country.

Between 2018 and 2022, it attracted 71% of foreign investment in Spain, six times more than Catalonia. South American billionaires are flocking to the city, attracted by its political stability and tax advantages. As a result, the most beautiful neighbourhoods are being transformed, prices are skyrocketing and the city is changing face. Meanwhile, Madrid's nobility is holding out. The Duke of Alba opened the doors of his palace to us: a historic gem in the heart of the capital.

Concept bars, eccentric restaurants, the bustling Chueca district... Madrid is buzzing like never before. But this boom has a downside: rapid gentrification, sky-high rents, social unrest.

An investigation into a city in flux, torn between frenzy and division.



2025 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Pallas TV

Daytona Beach: The Craziest City in America

For most of the year, Daytona Beach is a quiet US seaside resort. But every spring, it becomes the craziest city in America.

There is, of course, the famous car race, the biggest sporting event after the Super Bowl. A few weeks later, there's also the huge Bike Week, the largest gathering of motorcyclists on the planet, with all the excesses that go with it. Beer, sex, and big engines.

The noise of the engines has barely faded away when students arrive from all over the country for the annual college cheerleading championship, the most spectacular in the world. Not to mention the nearby air park in Spruce Creek, a village of 4,000 souls who mainly get around in their planes, parked in the garages attached to their villas, and who gather every Friday evening to perform aerial acrobatics in the Florida sky.

On land or in the air, in Daytona Beach in the spring, madness and extravagance are everywhere.



2025 - 45 min - ENG, FR
Kraken Films

Cold Cases: Solving Unsolved Crimes

What if you could help the police solve Europe's most mysterious cold cases? That's the challenge taken up by 'Operation Identify Me', which calls on the general public to help identify the bodies of women found in France and across Europe. Forty-six cases have been reopened by Interpol and shared online in the hope of gathering new information about these unsolved crimes.

We gained exceptional access to the French police officers investigating these unsolved cases. Thanks to Identify Me, 'The Woman with the Flower Tattoo' was able to regain her identity more than 30 years after her murder.

In Nantes, investigations into 'The Girl with the 10 Pence Coin' have been reopened. The information made public also allows volunteers from AVANE, the 'Association for Assistance to Victims of Unsolved Crimes', to help the police and give hope to the families of these forgotten victims.



2025 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Patrick Spica Productions

French Prisons: On the Verge of Collapse

France has 186 prisons with a total capacity of 62,363 inmates. But with over 81,000 people incarcerated, prison overcrowding rates are the highest in Europe. This leads to constant tensions putting prison staff on the front line. Attacks on prison guards are on the rise. We were granted unprecedented access to three infamous French prisons to reveal the extremely alarming situation from the inside.

In Fresnes, south of Paris, inmates live alongside rats and cockroaches. These unsanitary conditions exacerbate tensions and make the guards' work dangerous. Their mission now goes beyond simply maintaining order: they have to manage an explosive mix of inmates and ensure that petty criminals, radicalized prisoners, and the mentally ill can coexist, which greatly increases the risk of violence.

The number of inmates suffering from mental disorders is constantly increasing, transforming prisons into substitute psychiatric institutions. However, the resources available to care for these prisoners are largely insufficient.



2025 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Kraken Films

Kibbutz Revadim: The Broken Dream

The founders of the kibbutz movement dreamed of creating a new type of community, living in harmony with land according to socialist, egalitarian principles. Young people from all over the world flocked to join them, fascinated by the idea of turning this modern utopia into reality. But as times changed, the kibbutz have aged and lost their meaning, slowly denying the principles of their creation. Why?

Founded in 1947, the Revadim kibbutz was initially established on land purchased by the Jewish National Fund. A year later, after it was razed to the ground by the Arab League, it was re-established on the land of a depopulated Palestinian village. This was a time of pioneering, of windy nights in the desert, of donkey chores. In a hurry to forget a past tainted by the Holocaust, the pioneers fashioned an ideal by ploughing a land of sharing.

This film gives a voice to the last survivors of Revadim and questions the conscience and memory of the pioneers.



2025 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Ligne de Front

Peru: Life at 4,000 Metres

They live at extreme altitudes, at more than 4,000, sometimes 5,000 meters high. Where oxygen levels are two to four times lower than at sea level and human life is almost impossible. In Peru more than a million people live on the high plateaus and have adapted to this merciless environment.

Perched at 5,300 meters, La Rinconada is the highest city in the world. An immense shanty town where more than 50,000 people are settled, crowded at the foot of a gold mine. The city is not only the most dangerous in Peru, it is also the most polluted. The mercury used to separate the nuggets from the earth poisons the surrounding rivers and lakes. The water has become toxic, and residents are forced to carve blocks out of the glacier overlooking the city to get drinking water.

For some, the Peruvian highlands are an inexhaustible source of culinary inspiration. Virgilio Martinez, voted best chef in the world in 2023, opened his restaurant in Moray, a small village perched at an altitude of 4,000 meters.

This film explores the reality - the beauty and the challenges alike - of life in the Peruvian highlands.



2025 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Babel Doc

Brazil: The Millionaires of Agribusiness

Once an arid, hostile land, Brazil's Central West is now an Eldorado for agribusiness. In just ten years, booming soybean and cattle exports have propelled the region to economic growth that outpaces the rest of the country. Accounting for a quarter of GDP, this sector has spawned a caste of ultra-rich individuals.

Goiânia, two hours from Brasília, has become the "Brazilian Dubai." Wealthy landowners, once conservative and reluctant to spend, are now discovering a taste for extravagance. In this city of 1.5 million inhabitants, luxury is everywhere: one Porsche is sold every day, Rolex watches have a four-year waiting list and prestigious residences feature private pools on every floor. This success is having an impact on culture. Sertanejo, Brazilian country music, glorifies farmers and their conservative values.

Politically, the region is a stronghold of the fazendeiros lobby, which defends gun liberalization, pesticide use, and opposition to the protection of the Amazon. A powerful and conservative new Brazil is emerging.



2025 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Patrick Spica Productions

Profiting from Communism: The Vietnam Model

Vietnam is being touted as Asia's next tiger economy, with an impressive 7% economic growth in 2024. Since the Communist government decided to swap marxism for capitalism in the 1980s, the country has transformed. It is now home to an increasing number of millionaires and signs of growth are everywhere. But this prosperity comes at a price, and those who dare to criticise the official party policy risk losing everything.

The only political organization allowed by Vietnam's constitution is the Communist party. It has over 5 million members, but real power lies with the Central Committee, headed by General Secretary Tô Lâm. One of the richest women in the country is Lê Hoàng Diệp Thảo, the so-called 'Queen of Coffee'. She proudly shows us around her plantations, but she doesn't own any of these fertile plots. In Vietnam there is no private ownership of land, so she rents them from the government. If she criticises its policies, she could lose everything.



2025 - 65 & 52 min - ENG, FR, ESP
Dryades Films & Lolenko Films

Ojos de Agua: Freeing the Waters of Chile

In Chile, water is private property that can be bought, sold and rented. “Free the waters!” was one of the main demands of the social revolt of 2019. What has happened since then?

Drought and water scarcity have been hitting hard in Chile for the past 15 years. While climate change plays a role, the main cause is the privatization of water inherited from the Pinochet’s 1980 neoliberal Constitution. It grants most water property rights to agro-exporters and large mining companies.

In 2019, a social uprising paved the way for an unprecedented constituent process: 155 people were elected to draft a new Constitution. Against this backdrop, the film follows two water defenders over 4 years. Ivanna, an independent constituent and a member of the Diaguita community, fights for fairer water distribution. Alejo, a farmer, struggles against drought and the abuses of large-scale farmers in his Andean valley.



2024 - 91 & 52 min - ENG, GER
Bandenfilm

The Family Approach

It’s an undisputed fact that the best place to raise a child is in a family. But all over Europe, there’s a shortage of foster families for those children who can’t live with their biological families. In a house beside a lake in Germany, three youth workers step in as caregivers for five children in a therapeutic residential home. **They work tirelessly shift after shift: speaking to guardians, parents and youth services; setting common goals and appointments while all the time trying to show the children what a family-like atmosphere can feel like. We spent a year following them and the children they care for.**

Cooking, washing, shopping, as well as shuttling the kids to school and activities are all part of their daily workday, along with listening, comforting, cuddling on the sofa, movie nights and reading bedtime stories. What was once the task of the whole village, now falls to a complex apparatus of child and youth services. The caregivers aren’t trying to replace mum and dad, but they do everything they can to create a home for children.

This film is about the superpower of raising a child and family in all its forms.



2025 - 40 min - ENG, GER
A&O Buero

Cryptoqueen: The OneCoin Scam - The Chase

Ruja Ignatova is believed to have stolen at least €3.2 billion from OneCoin investors before going on the run in 2017. Since then, everyone from the FBI and German police, to former victims and criminal gangs have been trying to find her. It was even claimed that she was murdered at sea, her body cut up into pieces... **This film debunks that rumour and reveals what happened to some of the OneCoin money.**

“There is no murder. She’s alive”, states former close collaborator, Duncan Arthur. After years of speculation, a leaked police report from Bulgaria describes in great detail how Ruia Ignatova was allegedly murdered on a yacht, on the orders of mafia boss. And yet, there are blatant discrepancies in the report. The man named as the killer was already in police custody at the time of the murder.

What is easier to ascertain, is the whereabouts of much of the OneCoin stolen money. A data leak from Dubai revealed that OneCoin’s entire management team bought properties worth hundreds of millions there.



2025 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Ligne de Front

Puglia: Italy’s Best Kept Secret

Long overlooked, Puglia now attracts millions of visitors every summer. Wealthy investors are snapping up old abandoned farms to transform into luxury hotels and real estate prices have almost tripled in just ten years.

For the average person, investing in Puglia can quickly become a headache. Building permits are difficult to obtain and the very expensive work can sometimes take forever. Pino Campanella has created a company that helps foreign buyers to realize their projects.

At 25, Simone is the king of Galippoli, the local Saint-Tropez. He inherited a private beach and a nightclub from his father. During the high season, he brings the most popular DJs of the moment to his two establishments frequented by the golden youth of Puglia and tourists.

Another local speciality is orecchiette, a type of pasta. Visitors flock it Bari to photograph the Italian ‘mamas’ who make the pasta in the traditional way on small tables. Some have become social media stars, such as 67-year-old Nunzia, who has over 40,000 followers!



2025 - 55 min - ENG, FR
Sable Rouge

South China Sea: The Next Global Flashpoint?

For centuries, Vietnam, the Philippines, Taiwan, Malaysia, Brunei and China have disputed territories in the South China Sea. But China's claims of overriding sovereignty over the entire sea, supported by annexations and aggressive military patrols, have turned the sea into a global hotspot.

On a deserted beach in the north of the Philippines, 200 heavily armed Marines train alongside Filipino soldiers. Never have tensions between the Philippines and Beijing been so high and the United States is pulling out all the stops to prove they are ready to repel a Chinese invasion.

At the heart of these disputes are the Spratly Islands, an archipelago of islets and coral reefs, disputed by six countries. China has already annexed seven of the Spratly reefs and transformed them into military bases. In Taiwan, the pressure is mounting. Xi Jinping has officially announced that the island is an "inalienable" part of China and, in Taipei, they are now planning for a possible military invasion. "I feel very scared," confides one woman, "China is nearby and there is always a threat."



2025 - 105 & 57 min - ENG, SP
B23 Films

Women on Mars

Isolated in an analogous Martian base in the desert of Utah, USA, an all-female crew alternate between simulation missions outside (with radios, helmets, suits and astronaut protocols) and the development of their research at the base, all aimed at contributing to the mission to make inhabiting Mars a possibility in the not too distant future.

It's estimated that we will be on Mars in 20 years, but the energy, protection and power challenges for this goal are gigantic. The Hypatia I crew intent, among other things, to grow fish and plants on Mars, to demonstrate that some single-celled living organisms can adapt to Martian radiation, or to manufacture a low-cost Martian GPS.

The crew also hope to act as clear references to inspire girls and young women to pursue scientific careers and explore the universe. At a time when only 30% of the world's scientific research is conducted by women and only 20% of space research, there's a real need for more women scientists.

2024 - 80 & 52 min - ENG, FR
Cinéphage & Clin d'Oeil Films

The Forbidden Call: Women Priests

Since their clandestine ordinations on a boat on the Danube in 2002, Catholic women priests have been challenging the Vatican to denounce its misogyny. For the first time, women priests have succeeded in obtaining a dialogue with the Vatican, prompting cardinals and Pope Francis to take a stand on the forbidden subject of women's ordination.

We follow three committed women in their quest to change doctrine. Jacqueline Straub, a Swiss theologian who feels a real vocation to be a priest, has been writing relentlessly to successive popes for fifteen years, pleading for permission to be ordained. Christina Moreira, a French-Spanish rebel, was ordained in a catacomb, following in the footsteps of the Danube 'clandestine ordinations' which, since 2002, have seen the emergence of over 300 women priests worldwide. Despite being excommunicated, she continues to exercise her priesthood in her Spanish community. Meanwhile, across the Atlantic, Myra Brown, an African-American priest, heads a parish of 1,500 faithful, defying prohibitions with unshakeable faith.



2025 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Tipimages Productions

The Cancer Cure Delusion?

Cancer treatments are constantly improving, but some patients choose to reject mainstream medicine and embrace alternative therapies. How effective are these treatments? Why do people choose them? Five patients – suffering from different forms of cancer and following holistic treatments – agreed to let us refer their cases to an oncologist. Are they taking dangerous risks by choosing a different path?

In 2010, Aija was diagnosed with breast cancer. After having a biopsy on one breast, she turned to a raw food diet. When she started feeling better, she cancelled the second planned biopsy and, since then and against her doctors' advice, she has refused all treatment. Although not a single scientific study has shown that raw food has any effect on cancer, the internet is awash with miracle stories presenting it as THE cure. But, 14 years on, Aija seems healthy and well. Is this proof the diet works?

Through moving testimonies and expert analysis, this film brings personal beliefs and scientific data face to face, exploring the sometimes blurred boundaries between faith, integrative medicine and misinformation.



2025 - 90 & 52 min - ENG
Sky Films

She Rises Up

‘She Rises Up’ chronicles the remarkable journeys of three women who are working to lift their communities out of poverty through the local businesses they fight the odds to maintain. Gladys Yupanqui of Peru founded a mini-market and is looking to expand. Magatte Wade, from Senegal, is building a cosmetics manufacturing company. Selyna Peiris of Sri Lanka is expanding the textile company founded by her mother.

Nearly one third of all countries have laws that stifle a women’s access to work. They limit access to bank accounts, property inheritance, and many types of jobs. These countries have some of the highest poverty rates in the world.

‘She Rises Up’ reveals the role entrepreneurs and small businesses can play in women gaining financial independence, and ultimately reducing poverty for all. Gladys, Magatte and Selyna’s stories are each unique unto themselves, yet they share a common theme: the critical importance of local businesses to emerging economies. These women prevail over issues that are not faced by the multinational corporations that come in.



2025 - 55 min - ENG, FR
Kraken Films

Cape Verde: The Reality Beyond the Resorts

Endless beaches, majestic mountains and villages with multi-coloured houses, Cape Verde become has one of the new favourite destinations for Instagrammers. Here, tourists can enjoy a week in an all-inclusive resort for as little as €700, including travel. But virtually none of this benefits the islands. Here, lack of opportunities and a severe drought means that some women have to resort to stealing sand from the sea floor to survive.

On many of the island’s beaches, the sand has completely disappeared: local women have been stealing it for the construction industry. Now they have to fetch it from the bottom of the sea. These women carry no less than 50 kilograms of sand on their heads on each trip. Most of them can’t swim so every time they enter the sea, they risk their lives. For this, they are paid approximately 10€ a week.

It’s hardly rained in the past seven years. While the tourists enjoy numerous swimming pools, each local family is restricted to only one or two 25-litres-container of water a day.



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Tony Comiti Productions

Narcos: The French Connection

On May 14 2024, a prison convoy was ambushed at a tollbooth in Northern France. The target was Mohammed Amra, a repeat offender involved in drug trafficking. The heavily armed attackers showed no mercy, killing two prison officers and severely injuring three others. It took nearly a year to track him down and arrest him in Romania.

The ‘Arma affair’ is symbolic of a powerful and quick escalation in violence linked to the drug-trade. In 2023, in Marseille, around thirty young men were killed and one hundred injured in clashes between two rival gangs, amounting to a level of violence never before seen in the city.

For field agents, police officers and magistrates alike, it is the result of growing “narco-culture”, a term coined by South American cartels: a culture where allegiance to the gang takes precedence over everything. This investigation delves into a pocket of extreme, drug-related violence in France.



2025 - 78 & 60 min - ENG, FR
Fora de Quadre

Shrinking Space

Israel’s actions since the start of the war, in banning UNRWA and restricting the activities of NGOs and UN agencies helping Palestinians, have been well publicised. But this policy of targeting aid organisations can be traced back years earlier.

In October 2021, Israel designated six West Bank Palestinian civil society organisations as terrorist groups without any evidence. “I didn’t understand what had happened,” explains Juana Ruiz, a 65-year-old Spanish aid worker, who was arrested in April 2021 after 25 Israeli soldiers stormed into her home and accused her of “belonging to an illegal organisation”. She was imprisoned for nearly a year.

In this moving film, we hear from the aid workers being targeted, arrested and imprisoned. How long can they continue carrying out their task of serving their people and defending human rights in Palestine?



Guatemala: The Hard Road Home for Migrants

2025 - 22 min - ENG, FR
Redwood Productions

It's estimated that nearly one million Guatemalans have emigrated to the United States over the past 30 years - many of them illegally. Today, these undocumented migrants are being targeted by the new U.S. administration. Guatemala is bracing for the return of tens of thousands of undocumented migrants.

How do you reintegrate people who have often lost all connection with their country of origin? How do you welcome them back into a nation already grappling with high poverty rates and endemic violence? And how do you compensate for the loss of remittances from the diaspora, which reached \$18 billion in 2023: 14.6% of Guatemala's GDP? In this film, we follow the difficult return of these Guatemalans as they face the harsh reality of reintegration into their homeland. We observe the efforts made by the authorities to turn this forced return into an opportunity for the country. And we watch the implementation of innovative initiatives aimed at helping returnees resettle for good.



Luigi Mangione: Avenging a Sick America

2025 - 28 min - ENG, FR
Kraken Films

The murder of Brian Thompson, CEO of America's largest private health insurance company, revealed the level of simmering anger at US Health Insurance companies. The suspected killer, 26-year-old Luigi Mangione, a recent graduate of one of the country's most prestigious universities, soon became a hero in the eyes of many Americans.

He has been held up as a symbol of the fight for a more equal health system. Since the assassination, regular protests have been held across the country denouncing a medical system that many consider to be "the most expensive and least equal in the world". Luigi Mangione's trial has both captivated and divided the nation. In this documentary, we investigate a killer who, for some, has become a kind of modern-day Robin Hood.



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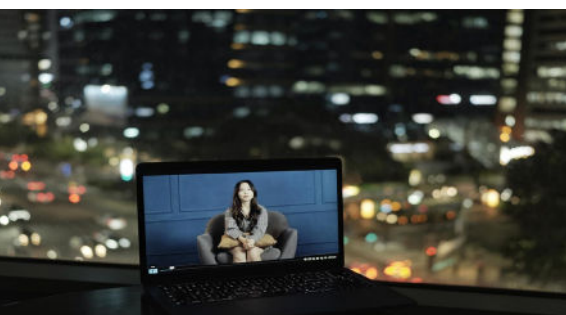
El Salvador under Bukele: The Cost of Control

2025 - 25 min - ENG, FR
Particules Productions

In March 2025, Donald Trump ordered the deportation of 238 Venezuelan prisoners

to a high-security prison in El Salvador. We visited the prison where they are being held and investigated the consequences of the 'State of Exception' in El Salvador.

As well as visiting Cecot, we also visit one of the country's twenty or so ordinary prisons. El Salvador has the highest incarceration rate in the world, with 2% of the population in prison. We met an innocent man, released after months of detention and torture. He gave his testimony anonymously but his account is chilling. Finally, we see how with great difficulty, Salvadorans are attempting to assert their rights in a country where security now totally prevails over the rule of law.



South Korea: Pyo Ye-Rim's Fight

2025 - 37 min - ENG, FR
Babel Doc

Pyo Ye-Rim tried to challenge South Korea's growing problem of school bullies, which had long been a taboo subject. It

ended up costing her her life.

She shared her experiences of twelve years of bullying at school on social media. Her public confession shook the country and sparked a wave of support. She became the face of the fight to change the law and attitudes. Faced with a flood of thousands of testimonials, South Korean society finally seems to be waking up to the scale of the phenomenon.

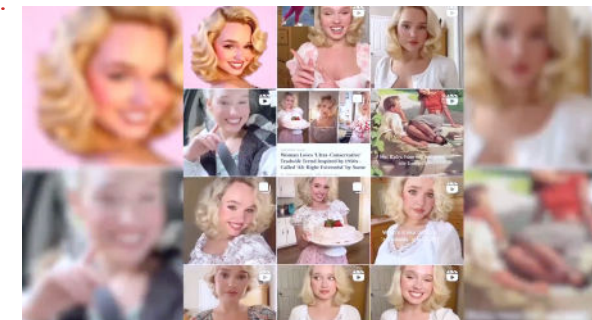
At the root of the problem is an ultra-competitive education system that struggles to protect victims of bullying. Many see suicide as the only way to end their suffering. Pyo Ye-rim ended up caught up in this vicious cycle. Her testimony led to her bullying resuming ten years later, but this time on social media. She took her own life and left a farewell video with a single wish: to see the law change one day.

The 'Tradwives' of America

2024 - 25 min - ENG, FR
Kraken Films

'#Tradwife' or 'traditional wives' content has exploded on social media in the past few years, promoting a return to traditional, conservative values and family life. But many see the underlying ideology of this movement as a dangerous attack on women's rights.

This trend, promoted by numerous Instagram influencers, advocates a strict return to traditional values: the woman stays at home to look after the family, bake bread and happily submits to her husband, while the man works and provides for the family. But while the influencers promoting this lifestyle earn tens of thousands a month, most tradwives are completely dependent on their husbands. Former tradwife, Enitza, is keen for people to understand the realities of this lifestyle. After ten years as a tradwife and four children she realised she wanted a better life for her daughters. But when she requested a divorce, her problems really started...



China's Secret Police

2024 - 20 min - FR, ENG
Kraken Films

We follow the attempts of China's secret police, operating illegally in France, to deport a Chinese dissident.



Ling, 26, made the mistake of posting a YouTube video criticising the Chinese government. It was only seen by 80 people but that was enough. First, the embassy confiscated his passport and would only return it to him if he report to a Chinese restaurant in a suburb of Paris that is actually a secret police station. There, he is ordered to get into a car, driven straight to Charles de Gaulle airport, and surrounded by secret policemen, pressured into boarding a plane. Luckily our team is able to intervene and he goes into hiding but the nightmare doesn't end there. Over the next few days, Ling receives 30 calls and over a hundreds of threatening messages ordering him to return home. His family in China are arrested and tortured. In the past 10 years, 12 000 people have been brought back to China. The scenario is always the same: arrest, filmed confession, and detention.



Point of No Return

2023-25 - 11 x 16-30 min - ENG, CAT

Producer: Raúl Gallego Abellán

Commissioner: 3CAT

Have we entered a Point of No Return for humanity and the planet? This Emmy Award winning series investigates the unparalleled changes our world is experiencing.

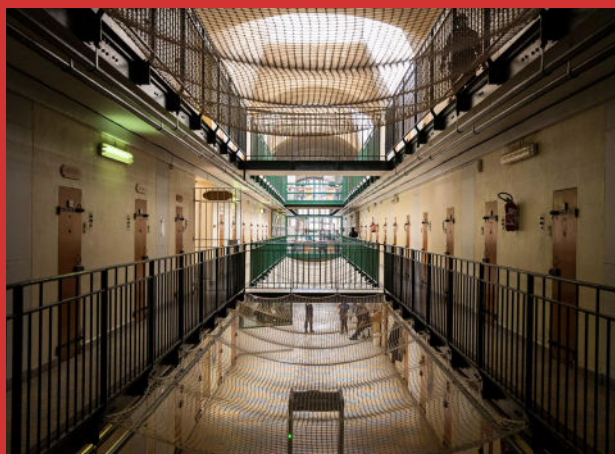
In this transformative era, many grapple with the uncertainty of the future. The climate emergency. New geopolitical wars and alliances. The crisis of economic and democratic values. The emergence of new technologies. 'Point of No Return' follows the lives of people who have already seen their day-to-day lives affected by this new changing reality in an attempt to understand where we are heading. Narrated solely by the protagonists of

each episode, 'Point of No Return' focuses on conflicts and stories that are at a point of paradigm shift, at a moment when the decisions made hold profound implications both for the protagonists and society as a whole. From the teenagers being dragged into Sweden's gang wars, to the American 'preppers' readying for civil war, the refugees risking all to cross the English Channel to the Palestinians contemplating their future, this series humanises the stories behind the headlines.

Directed by Raúl Gallego Abellán, each episode is available both as a stand-alone film or as part of a series.

Episodes

- 1 **Sweden's Armed Criminal Gangs: Segregation** (25 mins, 2025)
- 2 **Sweden's Armed Criminal Gangs: Teen Hitmen** (25 mins, 2025)
- 3 **Armed and Divided We Stand: Civil War Anxiety in America** (25 mins, 2024)
- 4 **Israel Balagan** (30 mins, 2024)
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- 7 **The Last Crossing** (21 mins, 2023)
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- 9 **Japan: The Utopia of AI Robots** (20 mins, 2023)
- 10 **Canada's Indigenous Leaders fighting Climate Change** (18 mins, 2023)
- 11 **Inside Islamic Jihad** (16 mins, 2023)



COMING SOON



SPRING 2026

52 min - ENG, FR

Producer: Flach Films

Director: Olivier Toscer

Commissioner: ARTE

For decades, European security has depended mainly on NATO, under-written by America. But under the Trump White House, the spectre of US disengagement threatens to leave the EU without its protector. To ensure continued American support, members have promised a 5% defence spending target. But with eight of the 32 NATO members still not meeting the 2% commitment, how realistic is this? Is - as Spain maintains - this target “not only unreasonable but also counterproductive”? We investigate the main threats facing Europe and examine how Europe can best defend itself.

The NATO alliance, born just after the Second World War, on the ruins of the deadliest conflict Europe has ever known, aimed to protect European countries against the Soviet Union. But when the Soviet Union fell in 1991, the need for major investment in defence seemed to

Defending Europe

collapse with it. The European dream of a world without war seems to be coming true, enabling budgets to be diverted to social spending. Europe's defence was essentially entrusted to America.

But today Europe is facing the greatest security challenges since the Cold War. In the East, Russia seeks to exploit and increase divisions within the EU through disinformation campaigns and the cultivation of right wing populist movements. Its full-scale invasion of Ukraine is reshaping the borders of Europe and threatening Poland, the Baltic states and Nordic Countries. War in the Middle East has generated instability and contributed to the rise of extremism. Meanwhile, further afield, China poses a looming political and economic threat.

How can we get out of this situation? Do we have a defence industry capable of ensuring our sovereignty? And what do we mean by sovereignty?



Israel, Iran & the Bomb

For the past three decades, Iran and Israel have been engaged in a shadow war. Israel is determined to prevent Iran developing atomic weapons by whatever means necessary. Iran insists on its “inalienable right” to enrich uranium. It’s a struggle that serves as a common thread and a framework for explaining all the geopolitical tensions of recent years between Israel and the West on one side, and Iran, its Syrian and Russian allies, and the militias of Hamas and Hezbollah on the other.

Mossad and Israeli special forces have a long history of carrying out sabotage operations against Iran’s nuclear facilities. An Israeli commando unit stole the archives of Iran’s nuclear programme, a tonne and a half of documents, and brought them back to Tel Aviv to prove to the world Iran’s determination to possess the bomb. In the early 2010s, the Israelis created a computer virus called Stuxnet,

JANUARY 2026

52 min - ENG, FR

Producer: Nova Prod

Directors: Miyuki Droz Aramaki & Sylvain Lepetit

Commissioner: France 5

designed to damage the centrifuges needed to enrich uranium. They have regularly carried out targeted assassinations of nuclear scientists.

Israel’s blistering attack in June 2025 on Iran’s nuclear and military facilities was the culmination of a years-long strategy all aimed at weakening Iran before tackling the regime in power in Iran. The war in Gaza and Lebanon against Hezbollah, the fall of Assad in Syria and Israeli strikes on Houthi targets in Yemen have all weakening pro-Iranian groups, enabling the Israeli military leadership to tackle what they consider to be the ‘head of the octopus’, the regime in power in Tehran. However, one question remains: has Iran’s nuclear programme been destroyed or will it manage to rebuild itself even more secretly?

SPRING 2026

52 min - ENG, FR

Producer: Babel Doc

Director: Manuel Saint-Paul

Commissioner: ARTE

After 80 years of relative peace, Europe is facing an existential crisis. Confronted by the threat from Russia, American disengagement, Chinese hegemonic ambitions and the rise of nationalism, the EU appears powerless. Never before has the French-German relationship, forming the backbone of the EU, been more important. We obtained the exceptional agreement of Emmanuel Macron and Friedrich Merz to follow them behind the scenes of their political cooperation during the first few months. We accompany them on their travels as they work together at major summits and also filmed them working individually with their advisers.

This privileged access provides a unique insight into their role in managing the challenges facing Europe. To preserve peace, Europe must prepare for war. Emmanuel Macron and Friedrich Merz

Macron & Merz: Two Years to Save Europe

have to rearm Europe and lay the foundations for strategic autonomy. Beyond the speeches and well-established codes of Franco-German friendship, there is a flurry of activity and a constant stream of visits between the two countries. The mechanisms of this active diplomacy aim to save Europe at this moment of geopolitical upheaval.

In Paris and Berlin, as in all European capitals, it is well known that the Franco-German driving force depends both on the circumstances of the moment and on the personal understanding between the President of the Republic and the Chancellor.

Faced with the “return of tragedy”, the Franco-German partnership must once again become the guarantor of peace and the architect of an autonomous Europe with influence on the world stage. Can it succeed? What are the obstacles?



The Country I Love: The Men who Made Berlusconi

He was the first of the great populists. A media tycoon who used his television network to take on the establishment and become Prime Minister, paving the way for Trumpism. When Silvio Berlusconi came to power, he turned to the same people who had built his media empire to help him run Italy. Now, three decades on, these men reflect on how they married television, entertainment and populism to create one of the most powerful political discourses of our time. And how they profoundly regret opening that Pandora's box.

Enzo Ghigo, Giancarlo Galan, Carlo Freccero and Carlo Momigliano. They were all dynamic young executives, aged between 25 and 30, when they found themselves at the heart of the Berlusconi machine. They would become his closest

SPRING 2026

90 & 52 min - ENG, FR

Producer: Khora Film

Director: Fabio Lucchini

Commissioner: France 5

associates - the men who brought 'Baywatch' and 'The Simpsons' to Italian TV. They were the first to apply tv marketing strategies to politics and, in doing so, they created a new brand of populism.

Now Silvio is dead and the promise of wealth and prosperity for all was not fulfilled. Instead, their ideas poisoned popular debate and polarised societies all over the world. Today, Berlusconi's closest allies are all elderly men who are asking themselves questions. "Our impact on the world has been catastrophic...our generation has to be brave enough to acknowledge the evil that came from our ideology."

We went to meet them to find out where it all went wrong.

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Producer: Kraken Films

Director: Michelle Fines

Commissioner: M6

This is the story of a border between two worlds that have nothing in common. Two states sharing the same territory: the Caribbean island of Hispaniola. To the east, the Dominican Republic, an El Dorado for tourists from all over the world. To the west, Haiti, the poorest country in the northern hemisphere. Since its president, Jovenel Moïse, was assassinated three years ago, Haiti has been in the hands of gangs. Insecurity and poverty have thrown thousands of Haitians onto the streets, with just one goal in mind: to flee to the Dominican Republic.

Although the Haitian-Dominican Republic border is officially closed, it has become the epicentre of a large-scale human trafficking operation - one of the most lucrative industries in the region. Smugglers bribe the police to look the other way and hundreds of illegal immigrants cross the border every day. We join one group making the crossing.

Hell's Border: Haiti & the Dominican Republic

Once in the Dominican Republic, Haitians become slave laborers who keep the country's economy going. For \$2 a day, they cut sugarcane plants and cram into miserable shacks. Haitian workers account for 90% of the workforce on sugarcane and avocado plantations and 50% of construction and hotel workers.

In 2013, the Court of Santo Domingo declared that "children born in the country to foreign parents no longer had Dominican nationality". Overnight, hundreds of thousands of Dominicans of Haitian origin found themselves treated as illegal aliens. Yolanda has lived in the Dominican Republic for ten years. All her children were born here. Since this decision, Yolanda and her children have been living illegally: it's impossible for them to receive medical care or go to school.



Sexless Japan: A Demographic Timebomb?

In Japan, strict social codes dictate everything, down to people's private lives. Men and women are struggling to meet and form relationships, while a 2024 survey revealed that 44% of Japanese marriages are sexless. As a result, the country is gradually depopulating. But Japan is determined to do everything in its power to reverse this demographic curve.

The population of Japan is predicted to fall from 125 million today to just 88 million by 2065. The country can no longer finance the explosion in healthcare and pension spending, and the debt is mounting. But authorities are stepping up. In Tokyo, where the birth rate is less than one child per woman, City Hall even has a small team playing Cupid. The municipal department has just launched an AI-powered dating app to match the capital's singles. And those not keen on new technologies can opt for a konkatsu, a

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Producer: Ligne de Front

Director: Sarah Fournier

Commissioner: M6

kind of singles camp where friendly organizers run games to put participants at ease and encourage romance.

Nagi, in the Osaka region, is one of the few Japanese towns where children's cries can be heard. Here, a scene almost unreal in the archipelago, we even come across large families! So much so, that town councillors and government officials from all over the country flock here to try and discover the well-kept secret of the 'city of children'.

But in Japan, sexuality is often a solitary activity. And the arrival of AI and virtual reality in the field of sex toys isn't exactly encouraging the younger generation to take on a real partner. Japan now has the oldest population in the world, in which one in three inhabitants is over 65.



WINTER 2026

52 min - ENG, FR

Producer: Ligne de Front

Directors: Julien Ferrat & Manon Heurtel

Commissioner: M6

To his detractors, Javier Milei is rude, ignorant and a danger to democracy. He's also undoubtedly one of the most popular politicians in the world and the new face of populism. We profile Argentina's chainsaw-wielding president and meet his closest supporters, like his hairdresser and ex-girlfriend, Lilia Lemoine, now also an MP, or his personal clairvoyant who regularly passes on advice from his late dog...

It seems like the dead dog's advice might be working because, after his first year in power, inflation is down from 25.5% to 2.4%. There's a \$19 billion trade surplus and 5% growth expected in 2025. Like tens of thousands of other tax exiles, Juan was able to repatriate part of his fortune and is now investing heavily in real estate and commerce. Landowner Alessandro saw his taxes fall, along with the environmental

Argentina according to Milei

constraints for raising his 200,000 cows. But Milei's extreme spending cuts have hit the poorest hardest. The Vargas family has to urgently move because with the deregulation of the real estate market, their landlord has just tripled their rent. It's an untenable situation, as the father recently lost his job in the Ministry of Labor, along with more than 35,000 other civil servants.

In the city of Rosario, government minister, Patricia Bullrich, is responsible for implementing a new hardline policy against the drug gangs. We join her to discover how the state is regaining control.

From the vast wilderness of the north of the country, threatened by the acceleration of lithium mining, to the bourgeois neighbourhoods of Buenos Aires, this is an immersion in Javier Milei's ultra-liberal Argentina.



Love & Sex in Spain

Repressed for 40 years by Franco's dictatorship, has Spain become Europe's most progressive country, ahead of the Scandinavian countries?

Sexual liberation, feminism, menstrual leave, gay marriage... Spain is at the vanguard in liberal reforms. Since the Socialists came to power in 2018, the country has adopted a series of progressive laws that have made headlines all over the world. Here, a minor can begin the process of changing their sex from the age of 12. The "Ley Trans" is Europe's most progressive law on LGBTIQ+ rights while another law, known as "solo sí es sí", established explicit consent as a rule in sexual relations and toughened penalties for rape and assault. These advances run counter to the image people have of the country as a Catholic, traditionalist, macho culture.

SPRING 2026

52 min - ENG, FR

Producer: Les Films de L'Odyssée

Director: Stéphane Rodriguez

Commissioner: M6

But, as demonstrated by the scandal surrounding Luis Rubiales, president of the Spanish Football Federation, and his forced kiss of world champion, Jenny Hermoso, clichés die hard, and are still very much with us. The ultra-Catholic Vox party and family movements, financed by a secret organisation from Mexico, are trying to counter the liberalisation of morals by every possible means. Even more worrying, Spain is currently experiencing an unprecedented upsurge in sexual assaults.

On the one hand, the weight of history, religion and tradition. On the other, a desire to live freely and enjoy.

SUMMER 2026

52 min - ENG, FR

Producer: Découpages

Director: Antoine Védellhé

Commissioner: France 5

In 1997, when the United Kingdom handed Hong Kong back to China, it secretly believed that its status as a financial centre with capitalist leanings would protect it from the Communist Party. There was a hope that the liberal model of this stable and prosperous island would inspire greater China and lead it down the path to democratization. Three decades later, the gamble has been lost. China has taken control of Hong Kong, and it is now its model that is being imposed on the entire Hong Kong society. Little by little, the legal, political, and social privileges enjoyed by the population are disappearing. Rebellious Hong Kong has fallen into line and is becoming a Chinese city like any other. How did Hong Kong get to this point? Why did China decide to take back control in such a draconian manner?

Under the "one country, two systems" principle,

China: Subduing Hong Kong

which was supposed to last until 2047, Hong Kong had special status and a high degree of autonomy. But since 2020 and the introduction of a national security law, Hong Kong has been undergoing severe political, social, and economic crackdowns by China. The Chinese Communist Party is imposing its own model of society and the city is gradually losing its identity.

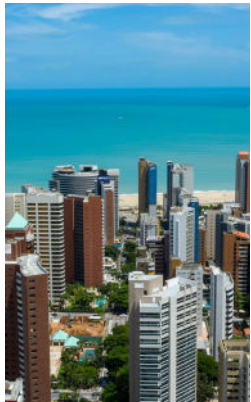
In the streets, the Cantonese spoken in Hong Kong is gradually being replaced by Mandarin, the national language, and mainland Chinese residents are increasingly present in the city. They now represent more than a quarter of the population. In schools and universities, textbooks are being rewritten and curricula transformed to provide a more patriotic education for young people. The once flourishing press has been silenced since the main opposition media outlets were forced to close. Their assets have been frozen and their editors imprisoned. Political opponents are all locked up or in exile.



52 min - Spring 2026

Kumbh Mela: At the Heart of the World's Largest Gathering

Never in the history of humanity will so many people have gathered in one place. Once every 12 years, more than 300 million people are expected for a Hindu pilgrimage of Maha Kumbh Mela. This celebration is held in Prayagraj, in the northeast of India, a city of only a million and a half inhabitants, which must transform itself to accommodate these hundreds of millions of pilgrims. This film is an immersion in this unique gathering in the world, where snake charmers, multimillionaire gurus, pilgrims and priests mix on the banks of the Ganges.



52 min - Winter 2025

Nordeste: Brazil's New Tourist Eldorado

The northeast of Brazil has become Brazil's hottest new destination. Once unspoilt, this region has become a tourist Eldorado, attracting customers from all over the world. The jewel of the region, Jericoacoara, was once a humble fishing port and is now one of the world's most exclusive seaside resorts, popular with kite-surfers and luxury travellers alike. Entrepreneurs like Franck and Delphine are capitalising on its appeal, building top-of-the-range hotels. Meanwhile, eccentric millionaire Giorgio Bonelli is investing his fortune in outrageous projects, such as a dinosaur park that will eventually be the largest in the world.



52 min - Spring 2026

Alaska: America's New Playground

Alaska is one of the least-known yet most-visited regions in the United States. Since the election of Donald Trump, oil companies are rejoicing as they speed up drilling. In Barrow, in the far north, the Iñupiat tribe is delighted with this economic opportunity, and the mayor is doing everything in his power to welcome one of the largest oil fields in US history. But the Inuit community is divided. In southwest Alaska, Kodiak Island is home to the world's largest carnivore: the Kodiak bear. A dozen guides organize tours so that the world's rich can enjoy North America's biggest hunting trophy.



52 min - Spring 2026

Mexico: An Ecological Disaster?

Despite the richness of its biodiversity, Mexico is also the most polluted country in the entire American continent. Those who try to protect the environment often pay with their lives. Approximately twenty environmentalists were assassinated last year. In the Michoacan region, drug traffickers have laid antipersonnel mines to prevent residents from accessing water meant for avocado growing. Mexico is also investing heavily in its most profitable sector, tourism - at a great cost to the environment. ...



52 min - Spring 2026

The Leavers

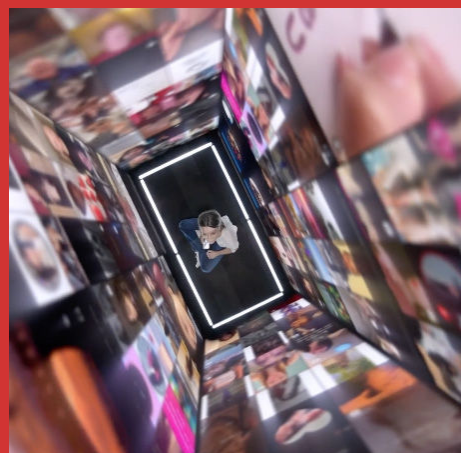
Today, almost 1,000 radicalised people are confined in French prisons. Getting them out of prison, de-radicalising them and reintegrating them into society is a national challenge. In this film, we follow the prison staff who work with them on a daily basis trying to deradicalise and rehabilitate ex-offenders. The challenges they face are enormous. Many people feel they should never be released but is life imprisonment really an appropriate punishment? By cautiously trying to understand the motivations behind their radicalisation, this film sensitively seeks to understand the reality of the detention of radicalised prisoners. It also explores the issues and risks involved in their release.



52 min - Winter 2025

Christmas in New York

New York has become "the place to be" when it comes to celebrating Christmas. 7 million visitors come to enjoy the sights and sounds, and the city that never sleeps is by far the most spectacular in the world during the festive season. Nearly 30,000 participants dressed up as Santas and Mothers, elves, fir trees and reindeer, gather in Time Square for the famous SantaCon. Further afield in Brooklyn, traditionally discreet residents engage in a frantic competition every year to win the coveted title of the "most beautiful and most illuminated" house of the year. But the most famous tree is, of course, the one at Rockefeller Center. 50,000 bulbs on 8 km of garlands!



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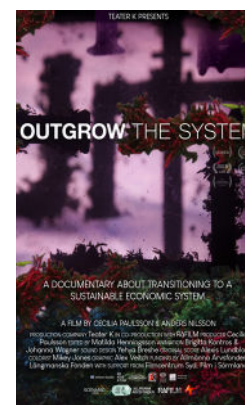


80 & 55 min - 2024

The Social Trap: 5 Women vs the Big 5

Adolescents who are connected to their smartphone for more than five hours a day are 66% more likely to suffer suicidal symptoms than those who use it for one hour a day. 44 US states are currently suing Meta, blaming it for the malaise of an entire generation. Faced with powerful tech giants, how can we protect children and their childhood?

For the first time in history, state legislators and parents in the US and Europe are joining forces to fight these digital giants. Among them are five women who have chosen to fight back against the Big 5.

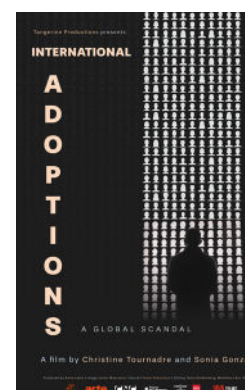


58 min - 2023

Outgrow the System

"Change the system, not the climate" is a common demand in the climate movement. But what kind of system do we actually want? In the midst of humanity's worst crisis, there are pioneers standing ready. Meet the new economic perspectives that have the potential to change the world at its core.

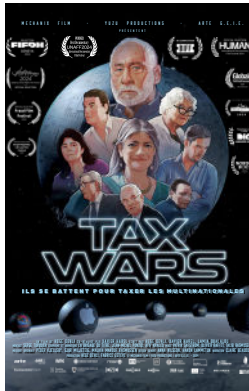
Beyond the narrow mainstream debate and the teachings of business schools, numerous new economic ideas and practices are emerging. They challenge old assumptions and offer fresh perspectives on how we can reorganise our production and consumption to ensure our survival as a species on this planet.



90 & 52 min - 2024

International Adoptions: A Global Scandal

Over the past 60 years, over a million "orphans" were adopted by Western families from around the world. Now, many are discovering that their past was a lie. From the children stolen from their mothers during the Pinochet dictatorship to Africa's fake orphans, international adoption is at the heart of an unprecedented scandal. We join investigative journalists, activists and researchers in South Korea, Sweden, France, Chile, Germany, Holland and Switzerland. How did this colossal, lucrative market manage to prosper? And why does it live on today?



90 & 52 min - 2024

Tax Wars

In the past 40 years, multinational corporations have shaken up the global economy. They have become immensely wealthy, earning over \$3 trillion in profits each year. Yet, they pay hardly any taxes. Strangely, governments seem powerless in the face of tax evasion, which deprives them of hundreds of billions in revenue, while inequalities, poverty, and populism are on the rise.

Finding funds for a fairer and more sustainable society is nevertheless possible: all it takes is to put an end to multinational tax evasion. This is the preoccupation of a handful of NGOs and international experts...

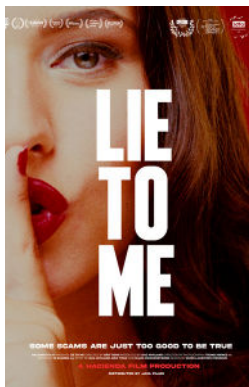


85 & 54 min - 2024

The Click Trap

Programmatic advertising systems are responsible for placing the vast majority of digital ads on the web, using sophisticated algorithms to automatically match products with potential customers. Only a handful of big tech and social media companies control this technology, helping sustain their monopoly over this multi-billion dollar industry.

'The Click Trap' reveals how this same digital advertising economy is also helping to fuel scams, dis- and mis- information and extremist hate online, making dodgy and even criminal "content creators" rich in the process. Drawing on expert testimony, it investigates what real world impact digital advertising is having on our societies and questions whether there's a safer and more ethical way to do business.



90 & 52 min - 2024

Lie to Me

Premiering at CPH:DOX and selected at IDFA Best of Fests, this acclaimed documentary explores the psychology of manipulation in the crypto-age.

'Lie to Me' is the story of how tech nerd and blockchain expert Bjørn Bjercke overturned the OneCoin pyramid scheme, the biggest Crypto fraud in history. But more than that, it's also the story of how and why people keep getting scammed. Why people were so ready to believe in OneCoin and why, even now, so many refuse to believe it was all a big con. What can we learn to spot the red flags?



52 mins - 2025

Dreams

The oneiric state. A dream-like state, experienced while awake, that allows the dreamer to reach and explore inner worlds. Charlotte, Elona and Raphaëlle are able to enter into this state to explore and create extraordinary worlds. They create fictional universes which they share on social networks. At the dawn of adulthood, they almost lose their way, before finding themselves.

Through discussions with specialists and a writing workshop, Charlotte, Elona and Raphaëlle meet and compare their approaches to dreams in this oneiric and existential quest.

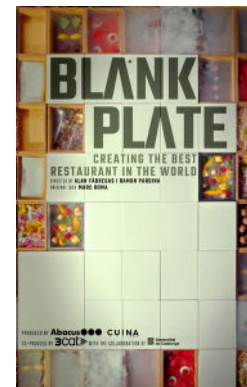


68 & 58 mins - 2024

Israel: Ministers of Chaos

Two men, Itamar Ben Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich, are driving the radical right-wing agenda of Benjamin Netanyahu's government. Who are they and what is their ultimate goal?

Ben Gvir and Smotrich are the heirs of two ideological currents that were once marginal: Kahanism and religious Zionism. Their strategy is to sow chaos in order to advance their ultimate project: imposing Jewish law on "Greater Israel", from the sea to the Jordan River, and thus definitively annexing the West Bank, Gaza and even beyond.



59 min - 2025

Blank Plate: Creating the Best Restaurant in the World

"Blank Plate: Creating the Best Restaurant in the World" takes us on the journey of Disfrutar as it rises to be crowned the best restaurant in the world. As well as documenting this achievement, the film delves into the personal stories of its three chefs – Eduard Xatruch, Mateu Casañas and Oriol Castro – tracing them all the way from their demanding years at El Bulli to the creation of their own restaurant.

