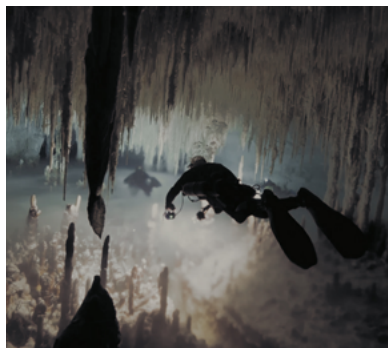




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A dramatic underwater scene featuring divers exploring a cave with long, hanging stalactites. The lighting is moody, with beams of light filtering through the water. The divers are silhouetted against the lighter background of the cave opening.

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**Mysterious Underworld:
Majorca's Cave Researchers**

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Bizarre formations, mystical moments, wonders of nature: caves have a magical appeal. They provide us with insights into strange and mysterious worlds. In Majorca there are 5000 caves above and below water. A paradise for adventurers, extreme sports enthusiasts and cave hunters. They explore these hidden worlds, their size, their material, the life inside.


Turtle Rescuers of the Adriatic Sea

HD

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Turtles have lived in our oceans for over 200 million years. Today, they are on the list of endangered animals. Although the shell animals themselves have few natural enemies - if it weren't for humans. Hundreds of thousands of turtles end up unintentionally in the nets of fishermen. In Puglia, an unusual alliance is saving sea turtles. Fishers hand over the captured animals at the port to the blue turtle ambulance. There they are examined and cared for before being released back into the depths of the Adriatic Sea.


**Safari Reloaded -
Reinventing South Africa's Animal Parks**

HD

> 30' (GER, ENG subs) > 2021 > NZZ

In South Africa, safari tourists are increasingly dropping out. This is a catastrophe for animal welfare and over one million people, because the safari industry is one of the most important sectors of the economy. As a result, poaching has increased and animal protection has decreased. Operators of private wildlife parks are now looking for innovative solutions like alternative safaris. They are more basic, with tents and huts, and want to encourage more people for animal conservation.


Rewilding: Back to the Nature

HD

> 30' (GER, ENG subs) > 2021 > NZZ

A new form of nature conservation aspires to make the world a wilder place. Worldwide, there are various projects and approaches to give nature more space again. The aim is to create larger wilderness areas that can develop as far as possible without the influence of humans. The overarching goal of creating a network of wilderness corridors across entire continents so that animals can migrate more easily is also part of the concept. Rewilding promises to be a cost-effective form of conservation in which we can boost biodiversity and protect the climate.



Clothing deluge: When is a lot too much?

HD

› 30' (GER, ENG subs) › 2021 › WDR

A blouse for 20 euros, a pair of pants reduced by 70%, quickly picked up during a stroll through town. Fast fashion seduces - almost everyone knows that. What hardly anyone knows, however, is that a large number of items of clothing are produced every year but never make it into our closets. Some experts estimate that there are several hundred million of them every year. So what happens to them? Reporter Rebecca Kirkland sets out to track down these clothes that nobody wants.



Turning Points: How Crises Make Us Strong

HD

› 30' (GER, ENG subs) › 2021 › NZZ

Can crises make us stronger and give our lives a new meaning? We accompany two people who are struggling with serious life crises. Joachim Schoss was physically disabled after an accident, and Youtube star Philipp Mickenbecker was diagnosed with cancer for the third time at the age of 23. Candidly and authentically, they both talk about their most difficult moments in life. What help do they accept and what do they manage alone? What helps them to not lose faith?

South Africa's Traditional Healing Plants

HD

› 30' (GER, ENG subs) › 2021 › NZZ

Many medicines available in the Western world today have their origins from plants in Africa and Asia. In South Africa, the indigenous Khoi San people have developed extensive knowledge about plants over thousands of years. Who should own the rights of this knowledge? How should it be compensated? Traditional medicinal plants have attracted scientists once again due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

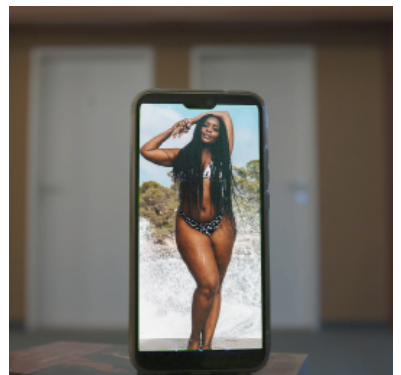


#bodypositivity: More than just a Body

HD

› 30' (GER, ENG subs) › 2021 › NZZ

Our society still strongly defines people by their appearance. Thin people are considered more attractive, trustworthy, and successful. On the other hand, people with fat bodies or disabilities have empirically proven disadvantages in many areas of life - from lesser job opportunities to worse health care. However, resistance to discrimination and modern beauty standards is growing, and the beauty industry is using the trend to its advantage. Body positivity activists are becoming increasingly critical of the trend which now marginalizes the very people who started the movement.



Troubled Times: Aviation in Crisis

HD

› 30' (GER, ENG subs) › 2020 › NZZ

Since the beginning of the outbreak, airlines around the world have reported millions of dollars in losses every day. Countries pump financial aid and loans into their national airlines with the hope of preventing bankruptcy. Italy took full control of the already weak airline, Alitalia, to try and keep it afloat. Even well-off companies such as Swiss and its parent company Lufthansa. What future strategies and approaches can keep the industry alive?



New Kind of Living: Tiny Houses on Wheels

HD

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Female Top Chefs on the Rise

HD

› 30' (GER, ENG subs) › 2020 › WDR

Restaurant kitchens practically have their own laws when it comes to the brutal working hours, extreme stress, and lack of sleep for the staff. It is a harsh environment, and those lower down in the hierarchy need to have tough skin to stick around. Are these the reasons why there are hardly any women in the kitchen, especially in top restaurants where the pressure is highest? Nevertheless, the industry is slowly changing, thanks to up-and-coming young female chefs who are changing the game in top cuisine. We follow three chefs as they stop at nothing to get to the top.



How to stop the Plastic Problem?

HD

› 30' (GER, ENG subs) › 2020 › WDR

Islands of plastic in the oceans, piles of burning plastic waste in illegal landfills, and even microplastics in our bodies. Plastic has become a major problem, and Germany is the European plastic waste champion. This is no secret, but if everyone has known for years how harmful plastic is to the environment, why is it so omnipresent?





ARTE Re: Surviving the Holocaust

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE, ENG subs) › 2020 › WDR, arte

Natalia Romik searches for hiding places in Poland - Jewish hiding places during the Holocaust. From a 600-year-old oak tree to a bunker in a cemetery, she encounters incredible stories of the fight for survival and actively pursues a culture of remembrance.



ARTE Re: Italy's Fight Against Rural Exodus

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE, ENG subs) › 2021 › Kobalt, arte

A third of Italy's villages and small towns are threatened with extinction unless they succeed in attracting new residents. Some are now trying to create new incentives with unusual projects. The municipality of Teora in Campania pays rent to new residents for two years if their children go to school in the town. Mussomeli in Sicily, on the other hand, sells its houses in the old town for just one euro. What works better?



ARTE Re: Stop being Greedy

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE, ENG subs) › 2020 › WDR, arte

They want to do something good with their profits. More and more entrepreneurs and founders are striving for more than personal wealth. Many company CEOs in the so-called Purpose movement are taking a radical approach: they expropriate themselves and use a foundation model to ensure: shareholders can no longer withdraw profits, the company cannot be sold and the purpose of the company cannot be changed.



ARTE Re: Eating Radically Local

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE, ENG subs)
› 2020
› WDR, arte

A region's ability to be independently sustainable has been a popular concept for a long time - especially when it comes to food. However, in Corona times, more and more consumers are questioning the consequences of globalization and its non-transparent supply chains. These people want to be able to produce, harvest, and consume within their region. The idea of becoming self-sufficient and not dependent on any supermarket is not just a dream of many consumers. Start-ups are being formed that focus on participatory agriculture and growing vegetables in the middle of the city, making long delivery routes a thing of the past.



ARTE Re: Berlin's Mobile Vet

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE, ENG subs) › 2020 › WDR, arte

Three times per week, veterinarian Jeanette Klemmt hits the road in her discarded ambulance to Berlin's hot spots. She treats homeless people's sick animals free of charge. The goal is to get in touch with the homeless youth and offer them an alternative long-term way of life. We accompany the dedicated veterinarian and experience unforgettable stories of people forgotten in society.



ARTE Re: Us and Zelensky

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE, ENG subs) › 2020 › WDR, arte

Five years after the war began, IDP (internationally displaced persons) in Ukraine are still facing major challenges. But now, under the new president Zelensky, a turnaround could come under his administration that plans to help IDPs. Although many people hope for this outcome, a large amount remain skeptical. We showcase the difficulties of integration in society, even though the refugees already remain within the country's borders. Refugees guide us on their journeys to rescue close relatives from war zones. Will anything really change under Zelensky?





ARTE Re: North Sea Delicacy

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE, ENG subs) › 2020 › WDR, arte

The European oyster has become largely extinct in the Northern Sea over the last century. The cause: trawling. The European oyster is farmed today only in a few select farms, primarily in Ireland. An Irish biologist who has been living and researching in Germany for more than 20 years is fighting for the reintroduction of the oyster. The releasing of the first animals is already underway in between wind turbines in the German bay.



ARTE Re: Dream Job Butler - Life to Serve?

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE, ENG subs) › 2020 › Kobalt, arte

Living to serve others: The Dutch "International Butler Academy" trains professional servants for luxury hotels and millionaires. A dying profession, one may think, but this is not the case. Demands have grown, and the training is more diverse than ever.



ARTE Re: Armenia's Forest Protectors

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE, ENG subs) › 2020 › Kobalt, arte

In Armenia's Dilijan National Park, trees have been cut down illegally for years. Since the authorities are primarily ignoring the problem, a group of young radical environmentalists are now fighting illegal logging on their own. The villagers of the region are opposing the activists, as illegal logging is often the only way they can earn money.



ARTE Re: The Downfall of Hasankeyf

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE, ENG subs) › 2020 › Kobalt, arte

Hasankeyf, located on the Turkish border region to Iran, Iraq, and Syria, is at least 12,000 years old and one of the oldest settlements of mankind. Despite this, Turkey is building a gigantic dam here, forcing the town to sink into the neighboring reservoir. Cattle farmer, café owner, and Instagram activist Eyup Agalday defies the forces of geopolitics. Will he still be able to lead his goats to pasture in Hasankeyf tomorrow?



ARTE Re: The Bone Collectors of Stalingrad

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE, ENG subs) › 2019 › Kobalt, arte

An estimated two million Red Army soldiers and one million German soldiers are still considered missing. Thousands of Russian volunteers are digging for their remains on the former battlefields. This has become a nationwide movement. They call themselves: The Searchers.

**ARTE Re: Nuclear Waste Repository
Yes or No - A Gallic Village Resists**

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE, ENG subs) › 2019 › Kobalt, arte

Currently, 58 nuclear power plants are in operation in France – more than any other European country. This raises the question of where to put all the radioactive waste that is produced. For more than 20 years, the area around the village of Bure in northeastern France has been considered as a potential site for a final repository. This idea is extremely unfavorable to the local residents and anti-nuclear activists.

**ARTE Re: Wheels for Poroshkovo -
With Pedal Power into Modernity**

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE, ENG subs) › 2019 › Kobalt, arte

The Wallachians are a small group of people in the Ukrainian Carpathians. They live as they did one hundred years ago – without electricity or running water, in simple wooden huts. Their means of transport are horses, but the Baptist pastor of the village of Poroshkovo has a plan to change this. He wants to lead his congregation into a self-determined life – on a bicycle.

**ARTE Re: Toxic Gold -
Environmental Protests in Turkey**

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE, ENG subs) › 2019 › Kobalt, arte

A natural paradise on the Gulf of Edremit on Turkey's west coast is threatened with destruction by a planned gold mine. After the clearing of 195,000 trees on the "Goose Mountains," the population has started to rebel – but most of all, civil engineers Sueheyla Dogan and Cem Birdir.





ARTE Re: Return to Masuria - 74 Years after the Flight

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE, ENG subs) › 2019 › Kobalt, arte

More than 70 years after her traumatic flight from what was then East Prussia, 83-year-old Rita Stormer is making her first journey back to her old home in what is now Poland. She is accompanied by her son, Carsten, journalist and author of this reportage. A film about an emotional journey into the past, which is also a piece of German history.



ARTE Re: London's Knife Murders - Parents Fight Against Youth Violence

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE, ENG subs) › 2019 › Kobalt, arte

London is struggling with gang crime and a dramatic increase in fatal knife attacks among young people. The authorities seem to be overwhelmed with the problem. Now, concerned parents are trying to stop the bloodshed on their own.





ARTE RE:

Vissarion – Jesus of Siberia

HD

> 30' (GER, FRE) > 2019

> Kobalt, arte

A group of priests of Vissarion's movement known as Church of Last Testament followed by hundreds of supporters and believers walk through the village called City of Sun which they built in total wilderness to establish a new civilisation of understanding, love and peace with nature. The procession walks to meet Vissarion, who is often called as The Teacher, to celebrate the Festival of Good Fruits, one of the main events in the life of the community which is organised on 18th of August to mark the anniversary when Vissarion started his public activity on 18th of August. Vissarion's followers suppose him to be the second coming of Jesus Christ.

The Thai Berry Pickers of Sweden

HD

> 30' (GER, FRE, ENG subs) > 2019 > WDR, arte

Every summer, thousands of Thais roam through Sweden's dense forests, hard at work. They have flown halfway around the world to join the workforce in search of blueberries and cranberries. In Sweden, it is difficult to find locals to do this job – but Thais have come to satisfy this demand. Without them, the Swedish berry industry would surely collapse. Unfortunately, time and time again, there is talk of unbearable and exploitive work conditions.

**Mostar Rock School**

HD

> 30' (GER, FRE) > 2019 > sagamedia, WDR, arte

In Bosnia Herzegovina, there remains a large divide between religious identities of the country. In the city Mostar, half is Catholic and half is Muslims. Each side has its own hospitals, administration, and schools. Students are taught separately, making it near impossible for young people of the other religion to interact. The Mostar Rock School aims to fix this issue. Founded by the musician Orhan, the goal is to create a space where young people can play music together no matter which part of town they come from.





Fascination Guinness - The Hunt for Records

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2018 › ECO Media, arte

The Guinness Book of Records is one of the best-selling books in the world. Those who want to immortalize their name in it have to achieve something extraordinary or bizarre. In some cases, this involves a high amount of pain, making the participants reach their pain threshold. Other times, it is a bizarre talent that many people have never heard of. What drives these people? And what are the rules of the hunt for records?



Fighting for Rights in Albania

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2017 › Mein bewegtes Leben, WDR, arte

The fight for LGBTQ rights is underway in Albania. We follow characters that are participating in the fight, such as Kristi Pinderi, the leader of Albania's LGBTQ organization. The film takes a surprising look at a little known country in the middle of Europe, showing a predominantly homophobic society which must modernize in order to catch up with Europe. Kristi plans on holding a bicycle demonstration against discrimination. Will she be able to host this event without it being a target of hate and violence?



Street Salesmen of Barcelona

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2019 › Sagamedia, WDR, arte

The sale of counterfeit branded goods is booming in Barcelona. It is the only way for many illegal immigrants to make money. We follow the story of Assane, who came to Spain four and a half years ago from Senegal and makes a living by selling T-shirts illegally. Not everybody benefits from these sales - tensions are growing between the street vendors and locals citizens. Locals are forming community groups that are fighting for the city to get rid of the street vendors or curb their sales. Can middle ground be found?

Albania's Politically Active Youth

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2019 › Kobalt, arte

Nowhere else in Europe is there greater euphoria for wanting to join the EU than Albania. The ideology grew in support when students took to the streets to express their frustration about corruption, too high tuition fees, and too little chances for the future. Now, hardly a day goes by without demos against the government. The film dives into the core of the protests and asks the questions: what are they demanding? Why is joining the EU an ideal solution? Where do they see their future – at home or abroad?



The Sinti of Saint Jacques

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2019 › Kobalt, arte

The French Sinti have lived in the city centre of Perpignan in Southern France for over 100 years. They have their own district where they live by their own rules and traditions, remaining separate from the rest of the city. The city administration now wants to put an end to this. The authorities have started a massive rehabilitation programme that the Sinti fear may displace them. More than 50 old houses have already been demolished, forcing the prior Sinti residents to leave.



North Sea - Dangerous Ghost Nets

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2019 › ECO Media, arte

The problem of floating garbage in the North sea is a becoming more severe for both animals and humans alike. However, it is not only the plastic packaging waste that poses a problem. There are many old and lost plastic fishing nets that have been left floating in the sea. They are referred to as "ghost nets" and pose a serious threat to the marine life that get caught in them when there is nobody around to let them out.



Climate Change in the Swiss Mountains

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2018 › ECO Media, arte

The effects of climate change are present in the Swiss Alps. While some are working on spectacular ski slope projects by creating artificial winters, others are struggling because of melting glaciers causing landslides, threatening their lives. For example, in the summer of 2017, eight people died due to a massive landslide that devastated parts of the village of Bondo in Graubünden. For centuries, the rocky soils on the mountain remained frozen. Now, the mountains are gradually thawing and crumbling apart.



Genocide in Rwanda - 25 Years Later

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2019 › Kigali Films, WDR, arte

25 years after her mother was killed in the Rwandan Genocide, Dafroza Gauthier and her husband Alain want justice. To this day, many survivors of the genocide feel abandoned due to how many perpetrators have escaped punishment. Many of the criminals that participated in the killings fled to Europe to escape the repercussions. The Gauthiers are fighting for justice with their collective (CPCR), where they have filed about 40 charges against alleged genocide victims. Their fight is a race against time – reliable witnesses are harder to find every year.



Gasoline Blood

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2019 › Kobalt, arte

Professional race car driver Sophia Flörsch made international headlines with her catastrophic crash when her car flew out of the track at 270 km/h crashing into a podium. Not only did Sophia recover from the accident, she wants to go back at it again. If there's one thing she doesn't want, it's to be remembered as the „girl with the accident.“ 18 year old Englishwoman Esme Hawkey also has this in mind, and intends to make it to the top of "Formula W", a racing league created for women.



No More Circus Animals

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2019 › RS-Film, WDR, arte

Circus arenas are under constant fire from animal rights critics. The accusations vary, from claiming the enclosures are too small, to saying the animals are physically abused in the circus ring. Circus operators defend themselves by stating everything they do is humane, and the animals are raised with love and care. They say the animals are rescued and live happily. What is the truth behind it? We accompany people from all sides of the story to get a full view of the environment behind Circuses.

Fisherwomen of Galicia

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2017 › ECO Media, arte

Sisters Isabel and Susana Gonzalez are duck mussel fisherwomen, otherwise referred to as "Percebeiras" on the steep coast in the south of Galicia. The delicacies are traded on the market for up to 200 euros per kilo. Collecting shells is a life threatening job due to the sea waves and jagged rocks. The sisters do not only fight with the surf, but also against the traditionally male dominated industry. Many male fishermen, like Manuel Rodriguez, feel threatened by the growing female competition.





The Fight Against Rome's Decay

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2018 › ECO Media, arte

Rome's citizens have had enough. Parks littered with garbage, graffiti, potholes - the ancient city stares in the face of dirt and decay. But what can be done about issues like this? The politicians say it will get better, but it hardly does. Instead of relying on the promises of the politicians, the citizens of the eternal city have declared war on the trashing and decline of their beloved home. The citizens are now solving the problems on their own.



Fake Love

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2019 › ECO Media, arte

Out of loneliness, many people look for companionship on the Internet. Scammers see this as an opportunity to take advantage of love seekers and convince them to send money and personal information. Some people fall for the tricks of the trade. The scammers are able to continue their actions because they are mostly from abroad, and can't be pursued. With the help of scam hunter Annette Kiefer, a previous victim of the scam now takes the hunt for justice into her own hands.

Adventure Into the Caves

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2019 › WQ Media, WDR, arte

Witness extreme Explorers Michael Schaftroth and his two sons attempt to cross one of the most difficult caves in the Alps: the Hölloch in the Allgäu. They must climb with precision, squeeze through narrow crevasses, and fight against the elements. Michael is the most experienced out of the adventurers, but none of them fully know what to expect from this trek into Germany's second largest cave. It gets narrow, wet, and cold. Cut from any communication, they will dive through lakes, scale cliffs, and camp in complete darkness.



Surfing Against Pain

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2018 › ECO Media, arte

Many soldiers return to their homeland injured and traumatized by foreign missions. Some of them are diagnosed with PTSD and suffer from depression, flashbacks, and panic attacks. In England, there is a new type of trauma therapy to help people with PTSD: surfing. British surf schools in Cornwall are teaching war veterans how to surf and deal with past trauma. Through this activity and the community that surrounds it, recovering war veterans are able to find a way back into their lives.





Integration & Goat Cheese - An Ethiopian in the Alps HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2018 › Kobalt Film, arte, ZDF

This is a story of a courageous woman, who has asserted herself with a lot of skills and a clever agricultural concept. The Ethiopian had to leave her homeland eight years ago for political reasons. In the Trentino Alps, she began breeding goats and founded her own small cheese dairy: "La capra felice", the happy goat. Her farm has gained supra-regional recognition and the cheeses are awarded with prizes. Young people from all over the region come to learn how to make cheese. But she also senses the new climate for migrants in the country.



Beauty of Death - A Funeral Director & his Mission HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2018 › Kobalt Film, arte, ZDF

Eric Wrede is an alternative undertaker and always stunned by the state in which the deceased arrive from hospitals. He has a mission to convince others to have more respect for the dead. Wrede arranges funeral services according to the wishes of his customers. He finds many rules outdated and fights against them. The need for new farewell rituals and a more open approach to death is widespread. The film accompanies people who fight for this goal in very different ways.



Childhood in Greenland HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2018 › Kobalt Film, arte, ZDF

On the island of Uummaanaq, in western Greenland, parentless and abused Inuit children return to their roots. In the northernmost children's home in the world, Greenlandic traditions and values will help them build a new identity from the ruins of their lives. Many of them have experienced terrible things: violence, sexual abuse, neglect. Often their parents are alcoholics, overburdened with education or no longer alive. The children are to free themselves from their traumatic past and find their place in life.



Dropouts on La Gomera HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2018 › Kobalt Film, arte, ZDF

The hippies of La Gomera come from all over Europe. What unites them is the desire for a simple existence in harmony with nature. In order to fulfill this dream, they have left their old lives behind. Just like Mischa, who had been diagnosed with a brain tumour and a burn out when she was 24. After the Viennese had defeated her illness, she changed her life completely. On La Gomera she found her personal paradise. But the place of longing is threatened. Does the hippie community still have a future?



Agricultural Industry in Spain

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2018 › Kobalt Film, arte, ZDF

The Spanish region of Murcia is Europe's largest garden. Here is where the shelves of European supermarkets are filled, especially in the winter months. 70% of Spanish fruit and vegetable are growing here. But Spain's second largest economic sector has been caught in the crossfire of criticism. The reason: the waste water from the agricultural industry contaminates the saltwater lagoon Mar Menor with fertilizers and weed killers. The population and fishermen fear for their existence. Protests against this can no longer be silenced.



Silicone Dreams

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2018 › Kobalt Film, arte, ZDF

Realistic love dolls of the new generation have recently experienced an enormous development and increasing popularity. Recently, Europe's first doll brothel opened in Barcelona, followed by establishments in Great Britain, Germany and France. Enthusiasts and collectors of silicone ladies praise this as the slow entry of this variety into Europe's cultural mainstream. But for many men the dolls are more than just sex toys, they live with them.

Whaling in the Faroe Islands

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2017 › Kobalt Film, arte, ZDF

For centuries, pilot whaling has been part of the history of the Faroe Islands in the North Atlantic. That is supposed to change. Animal rights activists criticise the hunting of marine mammals as both unnecessary and cruel and call on tourists to boycott the islands as a holiday destination. That increases the pressure, because beside the fishery tourism belongs to the most important mainstay of the island economy.



Slavery in Italy

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2018 › Kobalt Film, arte, ZDF

Yvan Sagnet calls the thousands of harvesters from Africa and Eastern Europe in Italy's fields slaves. Without them, no tomato, no orange, no olive would be harvested. But they are exploited and often live in inhumane conditions and after a 14-hour day in the heat, they are left with only 4 euros. He organized a strike, the first of the harvesters. With success. Since then he fights for their rights, he has now founded NoCap, an organisation with which he wants to certify products manufactured under ethically correct conditions.





Equipped for the Apocalypse

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2017 › Kobalt Film, arte, ZDF

In films we can regularly marvel at what happens when the world as we know it ends. Whether it's nuclear accidents, weather catastrophes or prolonged power cuts - what makes some people shiver comfortably is a bitterly most serious vision of the future for prepper. With great effort they arm themselves for the possible end of our civilization. And hardly anywhere in Europe is the scene as active as in Germany. Are the crisis prophets perhaps right and are we far too naive when it comes to the permanent availability of food, electricity and heat?

Padre Angel and his Open Church

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2018 › Kobalt Film, arte, ZDF

Although most Spanish are still officially Catholics, more and more are now unaffiliated with any religion. In the middle of Madrid, Father Ángel García Rodríguez leads one of the most extraordinary parishes in Spain: San Anton. The church is open 24 hours a day, soft armchairs replace hard pews. Homeless people like to use them to rest or sleep. Free wifi, breakfast and lunch for those in need, public viewing in the church when the Spanish national team plays. His goal: A church that moves towards the people.



Vacation Jail in Norway

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2019 › bunt.schoen.laut, arte, WDR

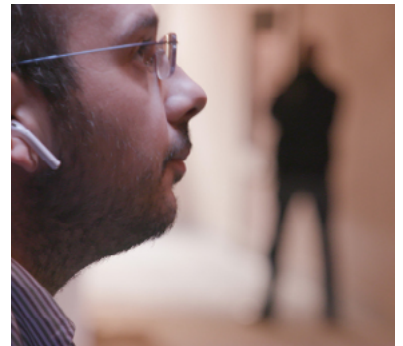
In the most liberal prison in the world in Norway, murderers, sex offenders and white-collar criminals live on an idyllic island in the Oslo Fjord. Here the felons are prepared for their release. No bars or walls: the concept is trust, and in fact nothing has ever happened. But is that still punishment? The state of Norway does a lot to prepare criminals for life after punishment. In the Blues House Jens rehearses with his band. Jens is a convicted murderer. With his band Skyldig som faen (guilty as hell) he even performs outside the prison island.

Reporters Against the Mafia

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2019 › Lavafilm, arte, WDR

A bomb explosion on the balcony of a house in the Roman district of Ostia. An elderly couple lives in the apartment. Their daughter, Federica Angeli, a journalist who has been reporting on organised crime in Rome for years, is the key witness in the trial against the Roman Mafia clan Spada. The Sicilian reporter Paolo Borrrometi was brutally beaten up four years ago, later his house was set on fire. Both have to fear for their lives because they report about the Italian Mafia.



Searching for Prince Charming

HD

› 30' (GER, FRE) › 2018 › alpha container, arte, WDR

Pretty, docile, man's property - many women in Romania no longer want this understanding of their role. They no longer tolerate the archaic gender roles in their homeland and seek their happiness of love in the supposedly civilized West. For an equal relationship, they are prepared to leave everything behind. The dream of a better life - a worthwhile business for partnership agencies.



Survival in Venice

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2017 › Cardomedia, arte, WDR

Venice is shrinking. Every year about 1,000 Venetians leave their home town, driven away by mass tourism. This increasingly transforms Venice into an amusement park for day visitors. Many young Venetians do not want to accept this any longer and fight for a future in their hometown. Sebastian Fagarazzi is Venetian. The majority of his friends have already left Venice. Housing prices are exploding, jobs outside the tourism industry are in short supply. We accompany him through a city that is increasingly degenerating into a tourist backdrop.

Melting Arctic

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2018 › WQ Media, arte, WDR

Marion Maturilli trudges through the wet, melting snow on her way to her meteorological measuring instruments. In Ny Ålesund researchers are measuring the consequences of climate change more closely than in any other region of the world. The temperature on Spitsbergen has risen by 1.6 degrees in the last ten years - about 15 times faster than the global average. Rain in January, snow melting in May - these are the latest effects of global warming that surprise even scientists.



Fishing Against Flight

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2018 › Just Films, arte, WDR

"Fighting the causes of flight" - hardly any other motto is heard as often as this one. Mouhamed Mbaye has found his own way. The Senegalese, who has been living in Berlin for a few years, imports sustainable fish from his home country - and thus creates jobs. "Those who can earn a living don't have to leave their country, says Mouhamed with satisfaction. "Stay where you are" is his call to the youth in Senegal - but it only works if there are prospects for the young people there. He wants to contribute to this.



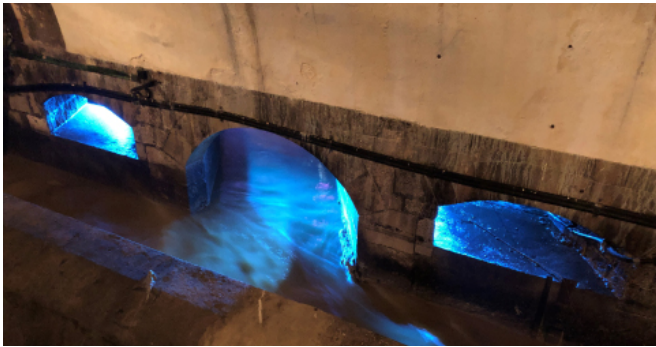
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The Rise of Slow Fashion

HD

> 30' (GER, ENG subs) > 2020 > NZZ

A daunting estimate of 100 billion new clothing pieces are produced every year. The term "fast fashion" describes the trend of buying a new collection of clothing every week. Always more, always faster, and always cheaper. The "slow fashion" movement is fighting against this overexploitation, and it is gaining a strong following. The pressure is growing on manufacturers who mercilessly profit from fast fashion. Do we have to rethink fashion? Learn about the enormous resource consumption, and the passionate consumers who demand change.

Waste Water:
Turning Sewage into Profit

HD

> 30' (GER, ENG subs)
> 2020
> NZZ

We flush the toilet five to eight times a day. It rarely crosses our minds that the waste contains many valuable resources. Sewage treatment plants extract many of the important minerals from the water using complex processes, but it is very difficult to do. The problem is that liquid and solid matter end up together in the toilet. The process of separating them in the sewage plant is very expensive and challenging. That's why the future lies with separate toilets. Many valuable minerals can be extracted in the sewage treatment plant, such as phosphorus for our health, energy for heating, and even gold. In current day, wastewater is not only a source for these minerals, it can soon become an early warning system for local coronavirus hotspots.



Wrecked and Exported

HD

> 30' (GER, ENG subs) > 2020 > WDR, Exklusiv im Ersten

The Coronavirus pandemic has hit the German automotive industry hard. Thousands of vehicles are sitting unsold at dealerships, while massive subsidies are being used to promote the new savior of transmissions, the e-car. But is the e-car truly a better answer for the environment? What happens to our old cars? According to experts, the outcomes of buying a new e-car are more beneficial to the economy than to the environment. Is buying an e-car really about the environment, or just big business?

CannaBusiness

HD

> 30' (GER, ENG subs) > 2019 > NZZ

Green is becoming the color of our time. The color is used as a term in both the political atmosphere and the economy. In the USA, the phrase "green rush" is becoming popular regarding the current state of affairs. The primary reason for this is thriving business of cannabis. The cultivation and sale of cannabis products in America has become a booming hit. As a result, tens of thousands of new jobs have been created, making the cannabis industry a sector of the economy with enormous growth. How long until this shocking business gains traction in Europe?

**Cruises: The Boom and its Dark Side**

HD

> 30' (GER) > 2018 > NZZ

Cruisings are a booming industry, but the resistance against the floating towns is growing. Venice wants to ban the big ships from the historic city. Environmental organizations criticize the high pollutant emissions of the luxury liners, that pollute the oceans with oil. This is why more and more companies are focusing on sustainability: liquefied gas propulsion, efficient energy management and measures against food waste are to get cruise ships out of the negative headlines. Are these just fine words or is something really changing?

**Alternatives to Animal Testing**

HD

> 30' (GER) > 2019 > NZZ

Animal testing is one of the most discussed topics in our society. Even scientists and the pharmaceutical industry no longer stand fully behind these experiments. They are not only ethically questionable, but also expensive and vague. Animals are not human beings, so the results are often not transferable. In addition, scientific research methods have developed enormously. Today, a broad range of alternative methods can often replace animal experiments.

**La Savine - No Way Out**

HD

> 30' (GER, ENG subs) > 2016 > WDR

La Savine is almost completely secluded from the city centre of Marseille. Sequestered on a hill, La Savine is a fortress for heavy drug trade. There is one way in and one way out – nobody can enter or leave without being noticed. The street poses constant threat – children as young as 12 are recruited by the clan. The residents are also compelled to live by their rules, because to disobey is to endanger your life. You've got to be a fighter to survive in these neighbourhoods. For the first time ever a film crew has made its way into the district.



Clearwater, Florida - The City of Scientology

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2017 › Penguin Film, WDR

Empty store fronts, darkened windows, uniformed persons patrolling the street – quite unusual for a vacation spot. The American city, Clearwater, is being controlled by scientological groups and residents of varying beliefs are forced to seek dwellings further and further away from the city's centre. It is next to impossible to make a move in the city without being watched by security cameras controlled by the Scientologists. That which was once a vacation spot, has become a place of duress.

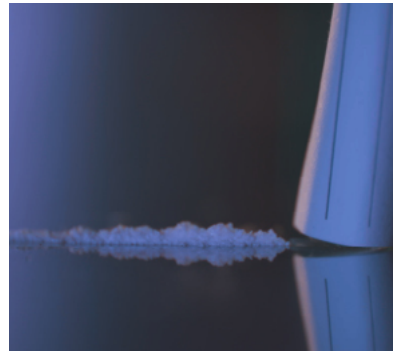


Drugs: Legalize or Prohibit?

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› 30' (GER, ENG subs) › 2020 › NZZ

They are forbidden yet seductive. Drugs have always raised a certain level of fascination and curiosity, and every day, more people give into this fascination. Although the production, distribution, and consumption are prohibited in almost every country in the world, there have never been more drugs in circulation than today. The "war on drugs" declared by the USA in 1972 seems to have failed, but Portugal may be on track to a solution. What else can be done? Is a legislation that legalizes all drugs realistic, and what would be the consequences?



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Plastic Beauty

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2019 › WDR

No matter how many bras Julia tries on, they don't fit. Even the smallest sizes are too big for the 25-year-old. She feels like a man. Since puberty Julia has been dreaming of bigger bust and although she is afraid of the surgery, she wants a mammoplasty. The number of such procedures is continuously increasing - even among very young people. But what drives young women like Julia to cosmetic surgery in their teens? Where does the quest for the perfect body come from and who defines beauty for her?



Escaping Loneliness

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2019 › Berlin Producers, WDR

Renate is in her mid-60s, and feels lonely since her partner unexpectedly passed away a few years ago. A condition she can hardly bear. More and more people suffer from loneliness and the consequences can be devastating: According to studies, loneliness reduces our life expectancy more than overweight or smoking. There are factors in a biography that make it more likely, and there are ways to prevent loneliness from developing in the first place. The tabooing of the subject and the shame of those affected, however, often prevent the right actions.



No Place Left to Live

HD

> 30' (GER) > 2019 > WDR

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Kippas, Churches and the Koran: Jerusalem and its Conflicts

HD

> 30' (GER) > 2019 > NZZ

For centuries Jews, Christians and Muslims have been wrestling with the historically charged birthplace of the three Abrahamic religions. For all three Jerusalem is a center of their faith. The old town is just one square kilometre in size and is divided into quarters that are based on religions. But Jewish settlers are increasingly occupying empty houses in the Muslim quarter. The tensions are fuelled by the political conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. .



The New Silk Road: China's Reach for Global Power

HD

> 30' (GER) > 2018 > NZZ

In only four decades China has developed from a gigantic poorhouse to the second largest economic power in the world. Geopolitically and militarily, China is also increasingly making its claims as a superpower. The best expression of this is China's large-scale project to build a new Silk Road: around 1,000 billion Dollars, are to be invested under Chinese leadership in countless infrastructure projects in over 70 countries to connect China better with the rest of the world.



India's Secret Cycle

HD

> 30' (GER) > 2016 > WDR

Bettina and Annemarie are two young bloggers on a mission to find out eco-logy's relation to the world of feminine products. In developing countries like India, women are denied the use of tampons and sanitary napkins! Why is that so? Is it due to environmental pollution or simply a lack of affordability? Arunachalam Muruganantham has managed to answer these questions with his ingenious innovative new machine that produces eco-friendly, affordable feminine hygiene products. How? Come with us and find out.



Rwanda – The Long Road to Reconciliation

HD

› 30' (GER, ENG subs) › 2019 › WDR

The 1994 Rwandan Genocide caused the death of almost one million people in just 100 days. Today, Rwanda still has a long way to go towards inner reconciliation, but they have made a lot of progress in the country. Rwanda is becoming Africa's model state, despite massive restrictions on freedom of speech. Witness how a generation of Rwandans deals with the burden of their own history. A generation that refuses to be held back by the past and plans on fulfilling the dream of a reconciled society.



Overtourism - Trouble in a Holiday Paradise

HD

› 30' (GER, ENG subs) › 2020 › NZZ

Citizens of popular destinations around the world are protesting against the flood of tourists into their beloved cities. Although tourism can be beneficial, too many visitors can lead to harmful, unintended effects. Even world heritage sites such as Dubrovnik, or the small town of Hallstatt in Austria are choking under the tourist masses. The locals in the hotspots are starting to wonder: do they need to have a sterner stance on tourism? Should there be a limit on how many people can visit?

Hong Kong and Taiwan: The Struggle for Democracy

HD

› 30' (GER, ENG subs) › 2020 › NZZ

Taiwan's 23 million citizens live in one of the most democratic societies in all of Asia. In Beijing's eyes, however, Taiwan is a province that has broken off and must be reunited with the mainland – at whatever the cost. But the Taiwanese do not want to lose their democratic achievements or their core values. In the elections on January 11th, 2020, Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen scored a clear victory. Her strict stance supporting Hong Kong's freedom helped her win, as she is a strong proponent for democracy.



Cuba - In Bed with Capitalism

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2017 › NZZ

Cuba and Capitalism have been at loggerheads for about 60 years now. But, since the former US president Barack Obama lifted several sanctions against Cuba, it seems as though the icy relationship between the United States and the Latin-American country has begun to thaw. The government approved plan for the economy put forward by Raúl Castro is still in effect. But socialism is crumbling. The natives can now by properties and establish private companies.

LIFESTYLE

Work Reinvented

HD

> 2 x 30' (GER, ENG subs) > 2019 > NZZ

New, flexible forms of company management are becoming more popular than traditional management systems. These new structures believe that every employee has valuable ideas that can contribute to the company's growth and success. Others join the movement FIRE. They want to earn enough money to retire at 30. How beneficial are the work techniques of the future?

Episodes: 1. New Work: Powershift at Work, 2. FIRE: Retiring at 30?



Organ Trafficking

HD

> 30' (GER, ENG subs) > 2019 > NZZ

There is a worldwide shortage of organ donors. Sometimes, patients will resort to nearly any means necessary to obtain a healthy organ – even if this involves illegal practices. The international illegal trade of organs is a shockingly popular industry that operates in the shadows. In China, "all-inclusive packages" are still being offered today that cost up to 250,000 dollars. What potential alternatives are there? Are organs from animals a viable solution that could be used in humans? Could 3D printed organs be an answer to the problem?



Tattoos, Tantra and Transgender

HD

> 9 x 30' (GER) > 2017 - 2018 > NZZ

What is the Zeitgeist of today? In times of social media, the urge of individualism is as strong as never before. The range of individuality knows no limits. From sexual enlightenment to body cult, from fair trade to the prevention of food waste. In this series we find trends that reflect the world we live in.

Episodes: 1. Tattoos: Between Prison & Art, 2. Tantra: Desire & Enlightenment, 3. Wine: The Future is Organic, 4. Asia: Old Man's Land, 5. Ultra-Orthodox Jews: Religion & Sexuality, 6. Trash or Table: The Fight Against Food Waste, 7. When is a Man a Man?, 8. Of Marriage and Other Relationships, 9. Trans-Children: Coming-Out in Kindergarten



Back to Basic

HD

> 30' (GER) > 2017 > Klarlogo, WDR

It's a daily tussle to accomplish the simplest of tasks: wash, cook, shower – everything is difficult, laborious and uncomfortable. Oliver lives with his family of five in a secluded farmhouse without electricity, heat or internal plumbing. Heat comes from wood burning. The cooking is done on a furnace. And water is obtained from a well located in front of the house. What does one gain from living like that? What does one have to sacrifice?



Have a Seat!

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2016 › NZZ

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Old Craft, Golden Soil

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2016 › NZZ

Is it nostalgia or a reflection on quality? The traditional crafts of yesteryear seemed to have become extinct. Skilled craftsmen are sharing their know-how with the young people of this generation. This preserves a piece of culture and history that would otherwise be irretrievably lost. Can one still live - or live again - from craft? A blacksmith, a potter, a horse hair mattress-maker, a dressmaker, a coffin-maker, a wagon maker and a rope-maker have deliberately chosen their craft. They are between late 20s and early 60s, using their skills to earn their keep.



The Persian: A Carpet, a King, a Country in Transition

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2016 › NZZ

The Persian carpet is a symbol for a country in transition, a country balancing between tradition and modernity. It is emblematic of the thousand years of artful weaving that is a product of Tehran and Isfahan. The bazaar is a place of memories. Young avant-garde artist, Hossein Rezvani dusts off the classic carpet. Here hanseatic coolness meets Persian aesthetics.



Flamenco - Faces of a Dance

HD

› 30', 52' (GER) › 2016 › NZZ

In Andalusia Flamenco is much more than dancing and music. It is understood as a language to express the emotional stories of past and future. In search for the musical heritage of the Gypsies, we visit Seville, the capital of Andalusia, following the different faces of flamenco. From the eloquent teacher, El Torombo, to the family clan of the Montoyas, where a Gitano dynasty characterizes flamenco as well as the elegant María Pagés to the slanting avant-gardist Andrés Marín. The success story of flamenco: from the backyard to the great stages of the world.



Ice Surfers

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2017 › WDR

It is in Kamchatka, the huge Russian peninsula, that a surfer's paradise is emerging. The climate there is merciless, the Bering Sea harsh, the winter nine months long, and it is freezing cold. Anton grew up in the wilderness of Kamchatka. His friend Konstantin arrived from Moscow. Their dream: the development of an entire surfing industry in Kamchatka, and to make a living from it. With an exhibition they want to give insights into the culture of surfing.



Urban Exodus - Escaping the Cities

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2017 › NZZ

Idyllic, peaceful, a place to live and breathe. For many city dwellers, villages have become a sort of paradise. The hectic, fast-paced living of the big cities disappears in the rural regions. Lüchow, a region that was almost completely abandoned, now has 65 residents. But, the modern village with its cultural offerings and its new alternative lifestyle imported by the newcomers does not meet the approval of the old-established people.

Food of the Future

HD

› 30' (GER, ENG subs) › 2018 › alpha container, WDR, arte

Mealworms are a valuable source of protein. But for most Europeans, the thought of eating insects churns the stomach. The European Union would like to institute a change. Currently, the authorization of insects as a form of food is a legal grey area. Each country can dictate their food laws. For two young men hoping to sell "insect burgers", this is a big problem. But a new regulation will solve everything. Are we to soon expect creepy-crawlers on our plates?



The Secret of Italian Food

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2017 › NZZ

A risotto with sea urchins on the Gulf of Naples, braised rabbit in Piedmont and fresh pasta in Emilia Romagna. The great thing about Italian cuisine is the regional variety, the rich culinary heritage and the passionate cooks, who always refresh traditional recipes with new ideas. In Italy, you can have excellent food in the most remote corners, but Italian cuisine outside the country is often still considered to be pizza and pasta. But not so in Alberico Penati, located in Paris: this Italian restaurant combines the traditional cuisines of Sicily and Venice while adding innovative new twists.

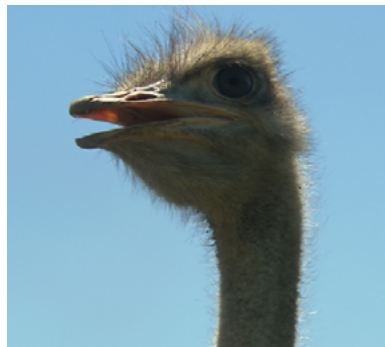


Feathered Delicacies

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2016 › NZZ

The poultry kitchen is more exotic than Poulet and Trute: chefs have discovered that pigeons are exquisite delicacies. Small but mouthwateringly, the quail is an ever more frequently seen guest on their plates. When the goose is on the menu, we know that Christmas is near. The "banal" house-chicken also offers other culinary surprises for the taste buds: chicken feet and cockscomb. From the rats of the skies to the fastest steak in the world, we pull the lid off the world of poultry.



Barbecue -Meat in Perfection

HD

› 30', 52' (GER) › 2016 › NZZ

Barbecues are conquering the world. But we are not talking about barbecuing on a Sunday evening in the backyard. Yes, meats are prepared with hot air and the characteristic delicate smoky flavour in a smoker for often over twelve hours or more, but here these BBQ-ers compete to make the "Grill master" or "BBQ King" printed on their aprons a reality. Observations at a BBQ competition in Hutchinson, USA, and in Brugg, Switzerland have led many to see a new side to the world of BBQ. Having become a sport for the well-to-do and passionate, BBQs nowadays are competitive and constructed in a tight manner.



The Culinary Tips of Top Chefs

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2016 › NZZ

Spinach and bacon instead of caviar and goose liver: Simplicity is the trend among young top chefs. The British Starchef Heston Blumenthal scores major points with his pairing of flavours that have never before been paired by tracing the influence of molecular cuisine and observing other chefs' interpretation of various food groups. For example, in Bangkok, Gaggan Anand reinterprets the classic curry. On the other hand, one of the oldest and best Japanese cooks, Ono Jiro, remains a trendsetter. From pots, trends and tradition, a culinary journey around the globe.

Delicacies from the Sea

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2016 › NZZ

The sea has a great wealth of fish and other marine life. But the stock is not infinite: some species are dying because of overfishing. For millions of people, fish is their source of life - not only as food, but also as a source of income. A journey through Asia and Europe: a crab fisherman on Sylt and the oyster farm in Cancale, an Irish television and mussel cook, and a Spanish anchovy canning factory to the legendary fish markets and fortunes of Tokyo and Hong Kong.





Corn: Pop and Power

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2016 › NZZ

You can do a lot with maize - including genetic engineering. Genetic engineering, which is banned in the EU, is particularly popular in the USA, where 90 percent of the maize varieties are already genetically modified. Both countries carry large meadows, and narrow valleys of corn but corn cultivation in Minnesota is completely different from that in Canton Zurich. In Switzerland, it's the task of the air force to deploy drones that attack the voracious European corn borer - the archenemy of the yellow crop.

Rediscovering the Roots

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2017 › NZZ

The evolution of globalization and having worldwide connection at our finger tips have greatly influenced the way we think and behave. When combined with the hectic complexities of daily life, many are beginning to view their everyday life as taxing and stressful. Nowadays, people are longing for the simple life - the familiar. There is a distinct yearning to recapture, revive and carry on old traditions. Join us as we show the people who continue to perpetuate our cultural heritage.



The Sexperiment

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2018 › WDR

It starts with 35 Euro - for a quicky or twenty minutes of cuddling. In this brothel the women decide for themselves how much money they will take for what kind of work. They are mothers and dreamers, confronted with a harsh reality of working 11 hour shifts. For one week Donya will move into the sauna club and work as a bar keeper and a cleaning help among the 30 young woman. Do these women dream of escaping this lifestyle or is that just a Pretty-Woman-Cliché?



NATURE . WILDLIFE

Blood in Dolphin Bay

HD

> 30' (GER) > 2016 > RS Film, WDR

In early summer, dolphins swim to the Färöer Isles seeking protection in the bays. But this often leads to their certain death because hunters will herd them to the shore with their speedboats and slaughter them brutally. Activists are arrested if they interfere, so their only options are to either guide them away from the hunter riddled bays or to document their gruesome actions and share the horrifying images with the world.

**Maldivian Whale Sharks**

HD

> 30' (GER) > 2016 > NZZ

Until 1996 the whale shark was hunted in the Maldives. Since tourism has recognized its economic potential, it is now being hunted with Selfie-Sticks and cameras. The "Maldivian Whale Shark Research Program" explores and promotes sustainable management of the gentle sea giants and their environment. With numerous events, the population is sensitized to environmental issues. Like the "Whale Shark Festival", a colorful feast in which the inhabitants of different islands meet and take part in a competition.

**Friends With Sharks**

HD

> 30' (GER) > 2018 > WDR

Leonardo Bertrand Veras swims with sharks almost every day - without a cage. He is fascinated by the animals and is vehemently committed to their protection. That wasn't always the case. The 52-year-old used to be a bitter shark hunter. He was active in the fishing industry, only out to hunt these animals. But at some point he realized that the fishing industry was crossing its borders. And that of the oceans.

Garden Dreams

HD

> 30' (GER) > 2015 > NZZ

A piece of nature, with flowers, vegetables and a cosy place to relax is the dream of many. We visit the gardens of stately Villas by the lake, family gardens, roof terraces in the old town and natural and medicinal herb gardens. They all reflect the character of the owners who rave to us about their gardening: the political journalist in his elegant city garden, the author in her biotope full of wildflowers and insects, the couple and their New York church roof garden for socially disadvantaged people and refugees who create a piece of home with their gardens.



Flower Charm

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2015 › NZZ

Every year, it fascinates us again and again: the fireworks of nature - the beautiful flowers and plants blossoming into full bloom. The leading producer of flowers is Holland, not only in the tulip department, but also for orchids. But flowers and plants are not only beautiful, they are also useful. They supply bees and butterflies with vital pollen and nectar and people with tasty leaves and flowers. They also have healing powers, which are used for medicine and natural cosmetics.



Malaysian Wildlife

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2013 › NZZ

The Malaysian jungle is an ecosystem of great biodiversity. In the shelter of the forest wild elephants, tigers, tapirs, and a rich bird life can be found. But rapid deforestation is threatening the future of many species of wildlife. While willingness to protect the rainforest is growing as prosperity increases, nature and species protection conflicts with the need to improve living conditions for the rural population.



In the Realm of Sharks

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2012 › NZZ

Ron and Valerie Taylor were pioneers of underwater photography. They worked for Time, Life, National Geographic and many others and became Hollywood's leading underwater specialists. What Jean-Jacques Cousteau was for Europe, the Taylors were for Australia: they brought the miracles of the seas into the livingroom. Even at the age of 77, the Taylors still dive, preferably in inaccessible regions, far away from the popular diving districts. But nowadays they are shocked about the poor condition of the seas and the strong decimation of marine life forms.



Smart Donkeys

HD

› 30' (ENG, GER) › 2012 › NZZ

Donkeys were domesticated five thousand years ago and the last wild specimens are extremely vulnerable. Around the Mediterranean, the donkey used to be indispensable as a working animal. Now it has outlived its usefulness. On Cyprus, hundreds of old donkeys live in a shelter. New tasks for donkeys include providing rides for children and acting as trekking companions. In the Saxerriet detention centre donkeys are used in therapy for the prisoners. An organic farm in Italy with eight hundred donkeys produces milk and cosmetics.



Trees Between Burnout and Relationship Stress

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2016 › NZZ

The tree is an underrated organism. Scientists found out that trees can communicate with each other, make friends and educate their descendants. To ensure survival, they warn each other of certain dangers. But urban trees are exposed to many stress factors: exhaust gases, asphalt and drought. The Max Planck Institute took a closer look at the elaborate defense mechanisms of trees. Also the Berlin Charité is the first clinic worldwide to simulate a forest in its intensive care unit.



PEOPLE . PLACES

Lost Places: Adrenaline and Adventure

HD

› 30' (GER, ENG subs)
› 2020
› NZZ

In the past, they were lively, illuminated, and busy. Today, they are abandoned, decayed, and forgotten. They are now known as "lost places." Several months a year, "urban explorers" tour through half of Europe and Asia, searching for these sites lost to time. These range from castles, former Stasi prisons, wrecked airplanes, and more. Stemming from the French Atlantic coast all the way to Kazakhstan. As the aesthetics of these places decay, a new type of morbid charm encapsulates the area, serving as a reminder that nothing remains unaffected by time. We travel around the world and visit abandoned locations that once stood as lively points of civilization.



The Ice Truckers of Yakutia

HD

› 30' (GER, ENG subs) › 2020 › WDR

Alban Modun works a very dangerous job. With an overloaded truck, he drives on the icy roads of the coldest inhabited region in the world: Yakutia, Russia. He delivers flour to cities that can only be reached by land during winter. The winter road is rebuilt every year, crossing frozen rivers, lakes, and marshlands. At temperatures as low as minus 60 degrees Celsius, it is difficult for people and vehicles to reach their destination. Will Alban be able to deliver his cargo within six days as planned?



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The Indians of Pine Ridge

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2019 › NZZ

Around five million citizens of the USA belong to the Native American indigenous peoples group. Nearly 80% of them live in urban metropolitan areas, coexisting alongside other ethnic groups. However, 20% of Native Americans still live on reservations. South Dakota holds five of these reservations, including the famous "Pine Ridge."



Migration - The World is Wandering

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2017 › NZZ

Mass migration, refugee tsunami, and the chaos of asylum. Migration seems to be one of the most burning topics of the 20th century though humankind has been migrating since the beginning of time. Migration economists have pointed to the economic benefits that come with immigration. Still there are many fears associated with migration. Fear of foreign infiltration, discrimination, and social decline. However, how justified are these fears? Migration: a story of loss and gain.



On a Journey to...

HD

› 8 x 30' (GER) › 2016 - 2018 › NZZ

...remote places, famous cities or cultural peculiarities. We show how megacities literally emerge from nowhere. We visit lonely glacier conquerors, genealogical researchers and humorous authors in Iceland, as well as the diverse dachas in the vastness of Russia. We go to a country which, after war and destruction, is now one of the safest and cleanest countries in Africa: Rwanda.

Episodes: 1. Georgia, 2. Iceland, 3. Datchas in Russia, 4. Rwanda, 5. Rome, 6. The South Seas - Tahiti and its Islands, 7. Megacities on the Rise, 8. South Tyrol

Circus Children of Cambodia

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2018 › WDR

Their short lives have been in the shadows - but now the spotlight is on them. A circus project gives the poorest children in Cambodia a chance. Instead of begging on the street, they go to school and have hours of demanding training in the afternoon. It allows them to dream - and maybe they will become an international circus artist. Some graduates now work at the renowned Cirque du Soleil. And even if they stay in Cambodia, their life differs from those of the many street children.





Bengal Girls: Surfing to be Free

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2017 › WDR

Sumi Akter is 13 years old and since the day she began surfing, her life has changed drastically. In Bangladesh, Sumi's home country, women surfing in public spaces is prohibited. The conservative, Islamic world actually begins at the beach. The society dictates that women should remain fit. However, it is to be done in a pool under the watchful gaze of male relatives or husbands. Sumi is prepared to fight for her passion and her freedom. She will never accept a man dictating her every move.



Laura of Arabia - Alone in a Man's World

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2016 › Sino Communications, WDR

In the Emirate Qatar, she is by far the most popular, but also the most controversial foreigner. She shares the great passion of the men of Qatar: Laura Wrede hunts with falcons. In a wholly male sport, she is the only female; an incident that is strictly prohibited. Her hope is to one day be the only and first woman in the biggest Falcon hunt of the Arabic peninsula in Al Galayel. Whether or not it's feasible is unknown. "Laura from Arabia" is in a country caught between tradition and modernity.



Goddesses in India

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2016 › NZZ

The traditional beliefs in wide parts of India say that widows who follow their husband on the pyre into death become goddesses. Although these beliefs are still honoured to this day, the burning of widows has long been forbidden. But many widows still remain true to their traditions by deliberately making themselves outcasts in their communities. In Vrindavan alone, ten thousand widows either live in nursing homes or on the street. But the treatment of the widows is only one aspect of the ubiquitous discrimination of women in India.



Future Unknown!

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2018 › WDR

Every year several thousand young Ukrainians come to Poland for work. The reason: lack of perspectives in their homeland. They have a lot of hope and ambition, but also a lot of insecurity. But often the first contact point is a crossroad in Piaseczno where day laborers hang around waiting for low-paid work. Some say they are modern-day slaves, ready to take whatever job comes along, even at the risk of not getting paid. Early in the morning Ukrainians are already standing there hoping for work.



Russia's Women - Hiding the Scars

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2017 › WDR

They are strong and beautiful but often weakened in modern Russian society. So they fight for their rights and against discrimination and domestic violence. Svetlana wants to be a captain, which still today is not possible because the mandatory mechanic training is prohibited for women. Jewgenia tattoos scars and transforms them into art. Every year in Russia, more than 14,000 women die due to domestic abuse. A film about the loneliness and border-crossing experiences of the many women in Russia - a land ruled by patriarchal ideals.



Saving Bees

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2018 › WDR

12-year-old Ole is excited. Did his six bee colonies survive the long winter? The spring air buzzes with bees, who seem to be very lively and active. Now he has to be careful that his colonies don't fly away. He came to beekeeping with honey bees through a school project. "You don't own bees, the bees own you," explains the young beekeeper, who has long infected his whole family with his enthusiasm. Even as a young boy he observed the wild bees in the garden and is now worried about them.



Senegal's Battle for Land

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2018 › WDR

Saint-Louis is considered the "Venice of Africa" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. But the coastal city in northern Senegal has a major problem: entire stretches of coast are washed away. In recent months, more than 800 people have had to flee. Because the sea is eroding the beach, the administration is planning to relocate up to 10,000 inhabitants of the old French colonial city. And often the poor are affected, like the fishing families. They now live in tents, miles away from the sea.



Zurich: Magnet, Metropolis, Model City

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2016 › NZZ

Zurich is considered to be one of the cities with the highest quality of life and sees itself as the smallest metropolis in the world. Since the turn of the century, Zurich has been one of the fastest growing cities in Europe. The city is known as a financial center. But today, Zurich is increasingly represented as a center of knowledge and research and is the undisputed center of Switzerland. One third of its inhabitants are foreigners, and more and more people are making their way to the city. How does the city deal with its success and how has this success changed it?



Operation Sovereign Borders: Australia's Migration Policy

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2017 › NZZ

Australia's migration policy is considered one of the toughest in the world. Anyone without a visa trying to get to the 5th continent via the sea is either forced by mariners to return or detained on a remote island. However, Australia accepts about 14,000 refugees every year and integrates them into an internationally accepted system. And Australia's population is growing thanks to the annual immigration of some 200,000 people. Does the system serve as a model for other countries?



The Hero of Kamukunji – Fighting Against Terrorism

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2018 › WDR

Kamukunji is not just any old district in Kenya's capital city, Nairobi. It is the region that is home to the Muslim immigrants from Somalia and it is ground zero for the Somalian terror militia, Al-Shabaab. Clive Wanguhi is spearheading the fight against their terrorism. His word is law as he and other men regularly patrol the region, picking up tidbits about the activities of the Al-Shabaab. He organizes freedom demonstrations against the terrorists and tries to unite the police with the people.



Ana Rosa and her Right for Child Labor

HD

› 30' (GER, ENG subs) › 2016 › AnaConda International, WDR

Eleven-year-old Ana Rosa works as a merchant at the market of Potosí, in the middle of Bolivia. Her family would not be able to survive without her wage. She loves her work and appreciates the new law that allows children from the age of 10 years to work. Even though the United Nations are fighting against this law, most children are grateful for their right to work. We follow kids who work at the market, on the streets or in mines, where their life is endangered – with neither contracts nor insurance.





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Hidden High Tech – Super-Technologies for the Mobility of Tomorrow

HD

› 30' (ENG, GER) › 2019 › Infokontor, motorvision

Mobility. A concept that humans have pondered over for centuries, if not millennia. While experts keep coming up with the same questions: How can we transport more people and freight? How do we make mobility as safe as possible? And most of all: how do we make it environmentally friendly? We enter the world of "hidden high-tech" – super technologies intended to make mobility and our cities safer and cleaner.

Are Robots Better Humans?

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2017 › NZZ

Man or machine? That is the question. It is a question that casts a glance not too far into the future. Robots are already among us. 20 million of these intelligent machines can be found worldwide and their numbers are increasing. Will people still be needed when super computers are able to conduct tasks more efficiently than we can? A robot as a caretaker, a robot as a programmable spouse, a robot as a hyper intelligent threat. We take a daring look at the digitalized future.



Hymn to the Foot

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2016 › NZZ

High heels, stockings and nail polish enhance the eroticism of the foot. Feet are forms of instruments: the grace and power of the Prima ballerina, the virtuosity of organists and drummers, the precision of the football star or the foot-painter who uses her feet as hands. From the performing arts to the medical art and craft of the foot: the evolution from shoe inserts to casts, to life – like prosthetics made from silicone. An entertaining, informative portrait of the foot, which is both insightful and thought-provoking.



High Tech in Space

HD

› 30' (ENG, GER) › 2016 › infokontor, ntv

Though invisible to the human eye, satellites play a huge role in our daily lives. In this documentary, we will uncover the secrets of hidden data transmission while following the construction, transportation and activation of a satellite in outer space from a factory hall in the South of France into the cosmos. From the tiniest screw to the overall weight – every little detail has to be thoroughly and repeatedly checked – because in space there is no room for mistakes. We take you on a journey behind the scenes of the non visible data transfer of television and internet.



Rush of Air - The Dream of Flying

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2017 › NZZ

The dream of flying has existed since man began walking on two legs. To this day, hobbyists and engineers are working on devices that can bring them closer to that dream. A bush pilot in South Africa was fortunate enough to make his passion into a profession. By extracting the last bit from his plane, he was able to land securely on an extremely small area. Majestic airships are coming back a hundred years after their invention by Graf Zeppelin and the project "Solarimpuls 2016" has shown that one can power a machine only with solar energy.



Backstage Boeing 777 - Ready for Take Off

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2016 › NZZ

The most powerful engines in the world, a span of nearly 65 meters, a list price of 300 million dollars. We accompany the new giant bird to its acceptance in the Boeing shipyard in Seattle and on one of the first long-haul flights to Bangkok. For most, flying has long since become daily routine, but behind a successfully completed flight, there is a huge expenditure of technology, economy and safety. How do pilots prepare for crisis situations? Take a look behind the scenes of the aviation industry.



Nutrition - Joys and Sorrows of Eating

HD

› 14 × 30' (GER, 2 Eps ENG subs)
› 2016 - 2019
› NZZ

In recent years, the detailed study of nutrition has developed into a trend. Digestive wellness is propelled by new ingredients and backed by emerging science. Technologies ranging from wearable fitness trackers to DNA and microbiome testing will drive demand for nutrition tailored for a specific individual. Food is essential for surviving, but what if food makes us sick? In this series we take a close look at our food and find out that some edibles are better than their image.

Episodes: 1. Bread: A Loaf Fights for its Image, 2. Algae, Worms, Nuts - What Do We Eat in 2050?, 3. Fat: A Struggle for Reputation, 4. No Sugar, Please, 5. Fasting as a New Remedy, 6. Vitamins - A Fairy Tale of Deficiency, 7. Lactose, Gluten & Co. - Enemies in Our food?, 8. Organic Cattle, 9. Personalized Dieting, 10. Asia's Obesity, 11. Superfoods, 12. Seduction of Food, 13. Obsessed with Food, 14. Salt: The White Gold



Our Body & Mind

HD

› 19 × 30' (GER)
› 2016 - 2019
› NZZ

Today's patient is more informed than ever, he knows his needs and takes responsibility for his body. From diagnoses of severe diseases or disabilities, to support for mental disorders. In this series we deal with our body and what to do when something goes wrong. We give advice and information on medicine, diseases and therapies.

Episodes: 1. Diagnosis Down Syndrome, 2. Social Egg Freezing: Motherhood on Ice, 3. Diagnosis Paraplegia, 4. Fight Against Cancer: New Weapons, New Hope, 5. Life with Dementia, 6. Prenatal Findings, 7. The Myth of Pregnancy and Birth, 8. Spirit in Motion: Does Walking Make us Smart?, 9. Deafness: A Way out of the Silence, 10. Loneliness: Underestimated Danger, 11. The Back: Strong and Sensitive, 12. Healing with Plants - Phytotherapy, 13. The Patient - Manager of his Illness, 14. Allergies - Immune System Out of Order, 15. Energy-Refill: Food for our Soul, 16. Who am I? How we become Who we are, 17. Autism, 18. Eternal Life, 19. The Lymphatic System



Logistics of the Future

HD

› 30' (ENG, GER) › 2019 › Infokontor, motorvision

It would be hard to imagine our daily digital lives without modern logistics. We expect everything to arrive on time and online shopping is booming. After all, we live in turbulent times: digitalization, climate crisis, growing world population and political and economic instability. How does the logistics industry rise to such challenges? Our film takes us into the huge, fully connected warehouses of one of the world's largest logistics providers at work: Deutsche Post DHL Group.

Atom Mon Amour

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2018 › WDR

Nuclear power is dead, long live nuclear power! No other country loves its nuclear energy as much as France. It is part of the national identity. Germany wants to switch off, France, on the other hand, is experiencing the so-called atomic spring. The French nuclear reactors produce three quarters of the electricity. Anyone who points out the risks has a hard time - why does France think differently? We have embarked on a journey through the nuclear country, visiting fans and critics.





Ancestral Research: The Search for the Roots

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2016 › NZZ

The search for one's own roots often begins with a random find: photos, letters, souvenirs. Many hobby genealogists often begin with church records which can be found on the Internet. The largest database with eight billion entries is operated by the Mormons in Salt Lake City. In the country of immigrants, many have found traces of their ancestors on Ellis Island which was once the gateway to the US. Historians explore family histories, create chronicles and tribal trees. But DNA analysis goes back even further - it tells the origin of one's ancestors.



The Myth of Gingers

HD

› 30' (GER) › 2016 › NZZ

There have always been myths surrounding red hair. The world's rarest hair colour invites certain prejudices. Red-heads are considered sex bombs and men with red-hair are "barbarians". But do red-haired people actually have abilities that blondes or brunettes do not have? Mary Magdalene and Judas are mostly depicted with red hair, why? Today a lot of red-haired people are fighting against stigmatization and for reconnaissance. In the Irish town of Cork, there is an annual festival for redheads where they embrace and celebrate their uniqueness.

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