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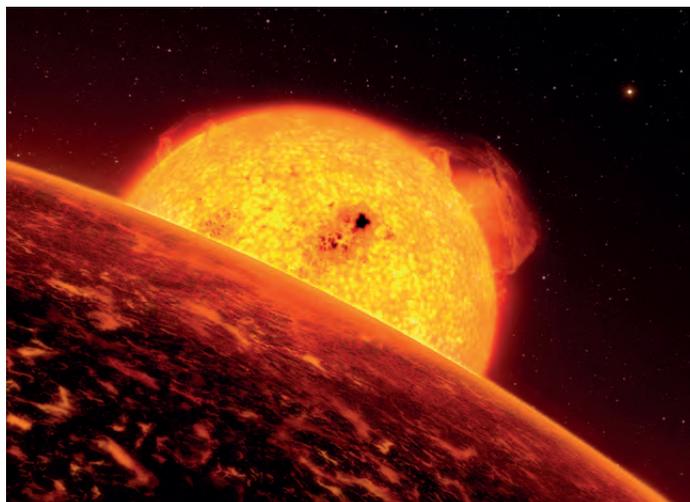
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Reaching for the Stars

20 July 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of man's first step on the moon. To this day, only the United States has completed successful manned missions to Earth's only natural satellite. In doing so, the US sealed victory over the then Soviet Union in the Space Race between the two Cold War superpowers. It began in the mid-1950s and in the early years the Soviet Union was in the lead: In 1957, Sputnik 1 became the first satellite to go into orbit around the Earth; in 1961 Yuri Gagarin became the first person to travel into space. The rivalry has since given way to co-operation. The International Space Station is jointly run by the space agencies of the US, Russia, Europe, Japan and Canada. Nations send their scientists to the ISS to conduct a variety of experiments.

264898 008

Rendezvous for Peace – The Apollo-Soyuz Test Project

It was a historic moment when in 1975 a Soviet and an American spaceship met in space. It was the first such encounter of manned spacecraft from the two nations. The commanders shook hands and became life-long friends. The project was also a milestone in the process of détente as the Cold War drew to a close. Rapprochement in space went more swiftly than on Earth.

Documentary, 30 min., 2019, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264898 009

Is There Life Beyond Earth? – Researching Exoplanets

Thanks to super-telescopes on Earth and in space, we now know that most stars in our galaxy have their own planet or planets. Thousands of these exoplanets have already been discovered; there are thought to be billions. Could there be life on any of them? Scientists are searching far beyond our solar system for a "second Earth".

Documentary, 30 min., 2019, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264898 010

Microorganisms – Space Travel Stowaways

It's probably the least-known specialist field in space travel: Planetary Protection. Huge sums are spent on disinfecting spacecraft and equipment in line with stringent regulations. Were terrestrial microorganisms to hitch a ride on a vessel bound for space, they could perhaps contaminate celestial bodies such as Mars. Conversely, if microbes from alien worlds found their way to Earth in rock samples, who knows what that could lead to?

Documentary, 30 min., 2019, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264898 011

Talking to Extraterrestrials

No man-made objects have ventured further into space than the two American Voyager space probes. Each is carrying a Golden Record – a gold-plated phonograph disc with images, sounds and messages of greeting from Earth. The intended recipients are extraterrestrials intelligent enough to understand them. We've also sent interstellar radio signals such as the "Arecibo message" into space. So far, the messages have been met with silence. But what would an answer mean to us?

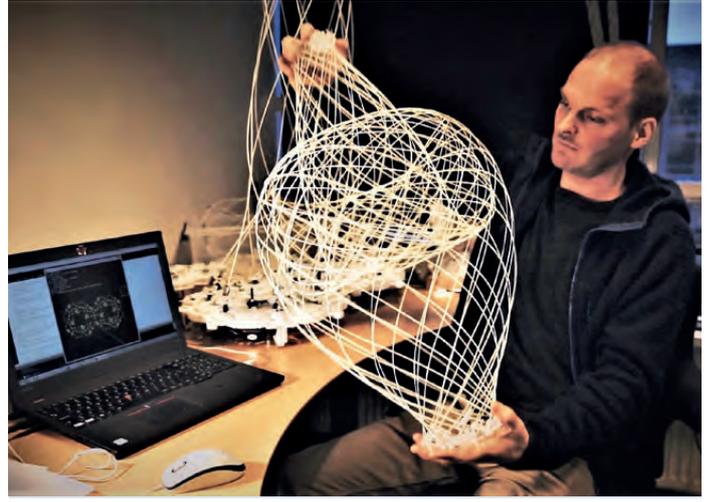
Documentary, 30 min., 2019, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264898 012

Where Will We Live? – The Colonization of Space

Overpopulation, catastrophic climate change or a basic urge to discover new places: There are many reasons why humans may one day seek to make their home far from Earth. This is no longer quite such a distant prospect, as plans are drawn up for colonies on the moon, on Mars, on asteroids and in orbit around the Earth. The challenges are huge. Where might we want to live and where might it really be possible?

Documentary, 30 min., 2019, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish



Know it!

Know it! is DW Transtel's magazine all about knowledge. Do you know what factors influence climate change or what impact it has on humanity? Are you aware of the questions currently being researched by scientists? How much do you know about energy and the environment? Do you keep up-to-date with the latest developments in transport technology? Do you keep track of health and medical advances? And did you know...

All over the world, scientists are working to increase our knowledge. Engineers develop practical applications for new discoveries; their research makes it possible for people to embrace the future. Those equipped with greater knowledge have a better chance of solving problems, improving living conditions and curing diseases, and, ultimately, of securing the survival of humanity as a whole.

Know it! brings you magazine-length reports packed full of information on science, technology and everyday phenomena. Know it! lets you in on the latest developments and discoveries from all over the world. If you're curious about the world around you, just tune in and Know it!

SAMPLE EPISODE 30 MINUTE VERSION

264743

Magazine,
07 x 30 min.,
2019, HD;
English, Spanish

Bees & Robots

Swarms of insects, schools of fish and flocks of birds constantly exchange information, and that allows them to coordinate group and individual behaviour in many situations. Now biologists and computer scientists are working on robots that can directly communicate with bees.

224742

Clips,
52 x 02-06 min.,
2019, HD;
English, Spanish

Fuel from Hay

Many of the biofuels developed in the last few decades are based on materials that are also used as foodstuffs. Now in Spain, a group of chemists and biologists have worked out a process to convert ordinary hay into butanol.

A Sustainable City Hall

It's no simple task to construct an office building that's both good for the environment and for the people who work in it. But the new city hall in the Dutch city of Venlo shows that it's possible – and that it pays off in major, unexpected ways.

The Smart Swarm

Current methods for exploring the depths of the ocean are complex and expensive. But now an international team of scientists has created a swarm of autonomous mapping drones that work together cheaply and effectively.

Diagnosing AMD

Age-related macular degeneration is a disease of the eye that can cause blindness if it's not detected before it advances too far. But the signs of condition in its early stages are hard to pin down. Now physicists have come up with a new method allowing them to do just that.

Cutting Dust from Dung

The livestock industry is responsible for a significant percentage of the fine particulate matter that poses a threat to human health. Researchers in northern Germany have now discovered some easy ways to cut down on the emissions arising from animal excrement.

Aquaculture and Environment

Fish farms can pollute the surrounding environment dramatically with waste from decaying fish food, excrement and antibiotics. What are the best ways to minimize aquaculture's impact on ecosystems? Biologists are looking for answers to that question.





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Global Ideas

Melting polar caps, devastating hurricanes, and rising sea levels. The changes ascribed to climate change are disheartening to say the least. Our series Global Ideas features people across the world who are pursuing innovative projects to counter global warming. To reduce greenhouse gases, maintain biodiversity, provide food for thought, and promote effective action – these are the goals of the projects we profile. We present initiatives that are exemplary in character and creative in approach. Each show has four reports. All the projects are “best practice” models, featuring ideas worthy of emulation.

264753

Magazine,
05 x 30 min.,
2019, HD;
English, Spanish

SAMPLE EPISODE 30 MINUTE VERSION

Nepal – Getting a Step Up in Society

Members of Nepal’s lowest castes have few opportunities to change their standing in life. The caste system was officially abolished in the 1960s, but little has changed since then.

224768

Clips, 20 x 07 min.,
2019, HD;
Arabic, English,
German, Spanish

Uganda – Saving the River Mpanga

The once mighty Mpanga in western Uganda has been devastated by human activity. Its waters are polluted, its banks degraded. An initiative is brought farmers, scientists and schoolchildren together in an effort to save it.

Colombia – Desalination Plants Purify Water

La Guarjira, a department in northeastern Colombia, has a problem: a shortage of clean water. The Wayuu people are suffering as a result. Their children are particularly vulnerable. Small desalination plants may be the solution.

South Africa – Bees That Scare Elephants

The elephant population in South Africa’s Kruger National Park is growing by the year – which is good news. But there’s a problem. The elephants are devouring the park’s precious marula trees. So the park has enlisted some bees to help protect them.





Founders' Valley

How Asia's Startups Drive Digital Change

Technological and digital advances are bringing disruptive and transformative changes that will impact every aspect of our lives. Industry, governments and civil society are trying to anticipate how the pace and scale of these developments will change the way our world works, and tackle the challenges ahead.

Startups are among the main drivers of digital transformation. In season two of Founders' Valley, female entrepreneurs from Germany travel throughout Asia to meet inspiring entrepreneurs and see how their ideas are changing the planet.

Founders' Valley presents inspiring founders and innovative solutions for a digitized future.

064901

Documentary,
05 x 30 min.,
2019, HD;
English

064901 011

South Korea - Driven to Succeed

Korea's education system is ruled by competition. With suicide being the No.1 cause of death among teenagers, it's been argued the system produces overachieving students who pay a high price in health and happiness. Digitization could bring about a change to Korea's overheated education system.

064901 012

Thailand - In Data We Trust

Everything we do in the digital world involves data. The bits and bytes can serve our interests or be used against us. But without digital trust there can be no digital business. How do startups deal with personal data and cybersecurity?

064901 013

Philippines - The Dream of New Money

The 2008 financial crisis spread distrust in banks and sped up the acceptance of new kinds of money. Cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin now promise to provide transparent, democratic alternatives. Startups in the Philippines are disrupting old structures.

064901 014

Indonesia - Women Breaking Bounds

All over the globe, digital transformation is opening new paths for women. In Indonesia, more and more women are taking the opportunities for independence it offers to open a business. But how do the young founders cope with the challenges posed by the role? All have had to overcome hurdles thrown up by traditional structures, widely accepted clichés and investors who prefer to bet on men.

064901 015

India - Breaking Silence: Ending Violence

In India, public outrage over violence against women has reached fever pitch. Entrepreneurs are no longer willing to let the devastating violations go unchallenged - and so they're trying to create safer cities with technology.







Digital Warriors

Women, Social Media and the Revolution

884909

Documentary,

52 min.,

2019, HD;

Arabic, English,

German, Spanish

Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and other social media can drive social change or even spark revolutions. Women around the world are using the Internet as a weapon in their struggle for equal rights. They are fighting against the murder of women in Latin America, female genital mutilation in Africa, compulsory headscarves in Iran and for peace between India and Pakistan.

Net activists are increasingly fearless. No matter what hostilities they face, including online trolls who call for them to be killed, they do not back down. Hundreds of thousands follow these women on social media. Their campaigns inspire other women to take to the streets for equality, self-determination, human rights, freedom of speech and to oppose sexualized violence.

In Argentina, activist María Florencia Alcaraz and her comrades-in-arms launched the #NiUnaMenos campaign against gender-based violence in general and the epidemic of femicides in particular. The movement has swept Latin America like an avalanche. Amid a culture of machismo, the movement is about dignity, self-determination and sheer survival. Dignity and self-determination are also issues Masih Alinejad fights for. A real force of nature, the exiled Iranian now lives in New York. Her campaigns My Stealthy Freedom and White Wednesdays, in which women in Iran protest against being forced to wear headscarves, are so successful the regime in Tehran now fears a revolt by women.

In Guinea, where 96% of women have been forced to suffer female genital mutilation, Aissata M.B. Camara's Break The Silence campaign is fighting to end the practice. Aissata herself has had to live with the physical and psychological anguish of FGM since she herself was cut at age eleven. In a viral video Profile for Peace, Gurmehar Kaur called for reconciliation between arch-enemies India and Pakistan. She has been insulted and received death threats on India's social networks. Gurmehar herself would have good reason to hate Pakistan. When she was barely three years old, her father, an officer in the Indian army, died fighting the Pakistani military in Kashmir.

Four women, four continents, one mission: Using social media to mobilize support in and beyond their communities, Florencia, Masih, Aissata and Gurmehar are changing the world.





Full Report Zoom

DW's on-the-ground reporters are always close to the action, be it covering international events or zooming in on the quirks of daily life. Camera always in hand, they report on the changes they see taking place in Europe and around the world. This represents a selection of reports from our ongoing series.

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Report,
13 x 12 min.,
2019, HD;
Arabic, English,
German, Spanish

824869 087

87 and Still Behind the Bar – Taps for Granny Börse

824869 088

"Can you understand me?" – A Court Interpreter in South Africa

824869 089

The Orange Order – Belfast in the Marching Season

824869 090

Bound for the USA – Miriam's Journey

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The End of the Affair – Kosovo and the Bundeswehr

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Making History – Deb Haaland Running for Congress

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Puttin' on the Ritz – The First Gentlemen's Club in Iraq

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Hocus Pocus? Testing Miracles

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Visiting a Village Occupied by Nazis

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Learn German! Integration with Jaime Beck

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Locked up and Harassed – The Muslim Minority in China

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Terror at the Moria Refugee Camp

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The Homeguard of Tradition – Mountain Marksmen in Bavaria





The War on my Phone

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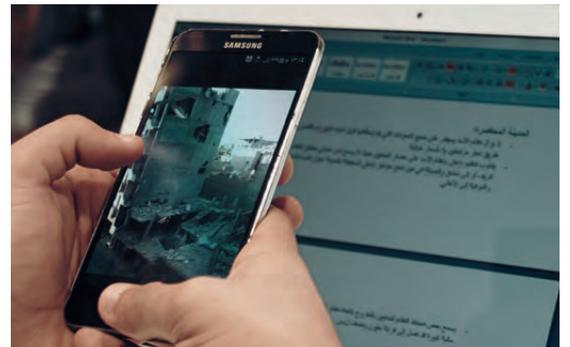
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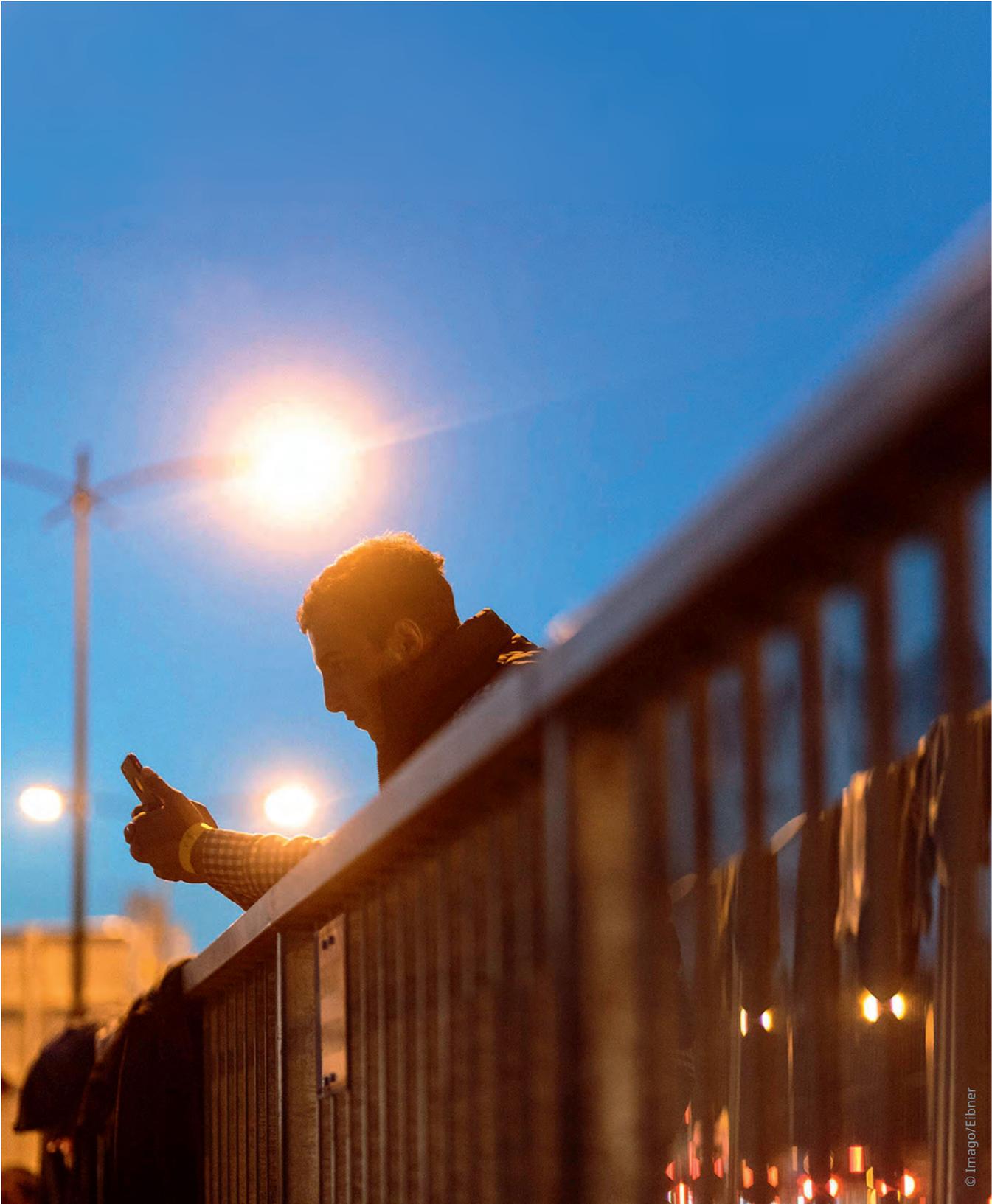
02 x 30 min.,

2019, HD;

Arabic, English

"I'm in Europe and safe, but I cannot escape the war. Every day it is here on my mobile phone." Amjad, Omar and others may now be living in Europe but they are not entirely present in their new homes. Every day they receive messages and videos from relatives and friends: shelling in Idlib, scenes from inside a Syrian jail and everyday life in an area controlled by the so-called Islamic State (ISIS). These are not the anonymous images we see on news broadcasts, but very personal accounts from people who have names and faces, with their own stories and destinies. The videos sent by phone are not professional productions; they are blurred, shaky and noisy, but they are authentic and they confront us with the daily experience of war – unofficial, personal war. The images intrude on the secure world of Europe, leaving the protagonists torn between their often idyllic new surroundings and the home and people they have left behind. Videos of bombardments or prisons burst into the picture-postcard backdrops of the Münsterland or Saarbrücken in Germany. ISIS propaganda films pop up in a café. The war is suddenly close – with a face and a voice. These images and the stories are all the more moving because they reach us directly, without any professional remove. They are images of war in the digital age, and this is a film about a time in which distant realities are brought close every minute of the day – in this case painfully close.



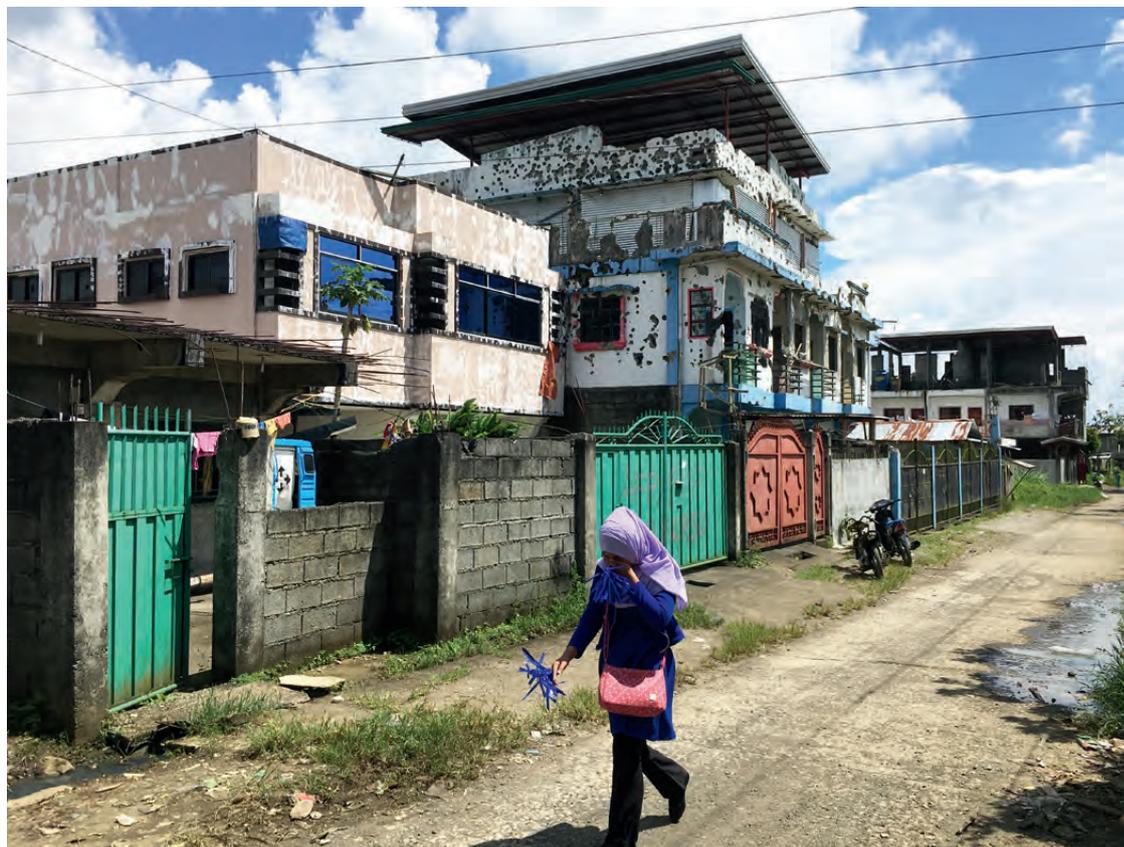


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Zero Tolerance

Large areas of Asia are experiencing unbridled urbanization. The disparity between city and rural regions is increasing, as the gap between rich and poor continues to grow. Around half the continent's population are under 25 and demanding greater participation. In many of its emergent nations this part of the world is experiencing a political and above all religious radicalization that would have been unthinkable not so long ago. A dangerous blend of autocratic systems and religious extremism threatens to divide several nations in this region. Others run the risk of leaving democratic principles by the wayside. How are people living with this growing intolerance?



884910 001

Bangladesh – The Dawn of Islamism

Secular bloggers risk their lives by speaking out, opponents of the government disappear without trace, the Hindu minority is under attack: In Bangladesh headlines are dominated by violence. The country that wants to reconcile democracy and Islam appears to be finding it harder and harder to strike a balance between the two. But the political elite refuse to recognize the growth of violent Islamism in the country. Just how influential are the Islamists in Bangladesh?

Documentary, 45 min., 2019, HD; English, German

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The Philippines – In the Sights of IS

In May 2017, militants affiliated with the “Islamic State” terrorist movement seized power in the city of Marawi on the Philippine island of Mindanao. The Filipino army needed five months to liberate Marawi from the Islamists. The result: more than 1,000 dead and a city in ruins. More than 60,000 people from Marawi are still living in refugee camps and other emergency accommodation. The conflict between Muslims and Catholics, stoked by the Islamists, continues to impact upon the political situation in the southern Philippines. And President Rodrigo Duterte is known less for his talents as a peacemaker, and more for his hard-line policies. Is the Islamist threat in the Philippines now a thing of the past?

Documentary, 45 min., 2019, HD; Arabic, English, German, Spanish





Classified: World War II

During World War Two, lies, propaganda and disinformation were the order of the day. What do we now know about the machinations of those involved, kept secret from the public for decades after the end of the conflict? What were the crimes that one simply didn't speak of, even if one was aware of them? What were the events that historians were only able to find out about years after they happened? New facts are coming to light all the time, whether about espionage, diplomatic contacts or economic ties. Classified: World War II tells the stories from this terrible war that aren't common knowledge.

364900 008

Pervitin – The Wehrmacht's Secret Weapon

In the "Blitzkrieg" against Poland and France, German soldiers appeared to be unstoppable. We now know this was because they were consuming vast quantities of a wonder-drug called Pervitin, introduced in 1938 as a stimulant and mood-enhancer. Its active ingredient still makes headlines today, as an illegal drug with devastating side-effects: methamphetamine, or crystal meth. In the short-term, it improves performance and concentration and dulls anxiety, appetite and sensitivity to cold. But in the long-term, it inflicts huge damage on a person's health, as well as being highly addictive. Did Nazi Germany's military machine run on drugs?

Documentary, 30 min., 2019, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

364900 009

The Blueprint for the War – Hitler's "Mein Kampf"

Between 1924 and 1926, the Nazi "Führer" and later German dictator Adolf Hitler wrote a book entitled "Mein Kampf", which means "My Struggle". It openly details his political agenda, fomenting hatred of the Jews and threatening war. Most of his opponents dismissed it as mere propaganda. In Germany, that only changed after he seized power. Governments in war-weary Europe and the US continued to give credence to assertions by Reich Chancellor Hitler that he was committed to peace, and were slow to pay heed to his real aims as set out in the book.

Documentary, 30 min., 2019, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

364900 010

Zyklon B – The Holocaust's Poison Gas

Mass murder in Nazi killing centers was in part carried out with the poison gas Zyklon B. It had been developed as a pesticide 20 years earlier and was manufactured by a subsidiary of I.G.Farben. The conglomerate had close ties before and even during the war to the US chemicals group DuPont. A German business consultant named Erwin Respondek with contacts in both industrial giants became a spy for the United States. Did he inform Washington about the use of Zyklon B to kill humans?

Documentary, 30 min., 2019, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

364900 011

The Hunt for Nazi Uranium

For the Allied powers in World War II, Germany's efforts to develop an atomic bomb was a source of great alarm. The Allies were determined to be the first to have the bomb and to thwart the Nazis, so they launched a secret mission to locate Germany's uranium sources and to identify the scientists working on the project.

Documentary, 30 min., 2019, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

364900 012

The Nuclear Arms Race – Its World War II Beginnings

From mid-1942, the US mobilized more than 100,000 people in a program to build an atom bomb. This endeavor was driven by the fear that Nazi Germany was developing its own such weapon with unprecedented destructive power. At the same, the Soviet Union launched its own atomic bomb project. Spies kept both sides well-informed of the other's progress. The bitter contest for nuclear supremacy marked the beginning of the Cold War, even before the end of World War II.

Documentary, 30 min., 2019, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish







Berlin's Treasure Trove

The Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation

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Documentary,

02 x 45 min.,

2019, HD;

Arabic, English,

Spanish

Berlin is home to an outstanding treasure trove, the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation. It is one of the five largest encyclopedic collections in the world, comprising 19 museums with more than five million objects, a huge library, archives and research institutes, covering a vast range of cultures, artforms and epochs from the Stone Age to the present day.

Scholars and visitors explore this collection for answers to the burning questions facing humankind: How can we tap the resources of the Earth while also living in harmony with it? How can we deal responsibly with our history? How can our cultural heritage help us to understand and shape reality?

Berlin's museums are not just centers of research and temples of beauty, they also reverberate with countless fascinating stories.

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Documentary,

01 x 52 min.,

2019, HD;

Arabic, English,

Spanish

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Documentary,

01 x 90 min.,

2019, HD;

Arabic, English,

Spanish





The Art of Space

Green oases in the desert sands. Cool high-rise blocks and mythical gardens. Floating cities and underwater settlements. Skyscrapers and towers. Architecture in a category of its own, employing the most up-to-the-minute construction designs and traditional composition in natural spaces. From the breathtaking to the bizarre, the series *The Art of Space* shows the incredible variety of spatial experimentation being conducted today. It shines the spotlight on the risks and opportunities presented by the ever-changing face of our world.

564704 067

Antti Lovag: Master of Organic Forms

The Hungarian architect Antti Lovag called his curvaceous residential structures a “rebellion against the right angle”. In southern France, he realized his vision of living spaces in harmony with nature and the human body with the “Maison Bulles”. Antti Lovag’s radical design approach was even extended to the furniture.

Documentary, 30 min., 2019, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

564704 068

With Fantasy and Creativity: From Home to Wellness Oasis

The owners of these buildings aren’t afraid to take on a challenge: The Finck-Sixt family built their dream home on a miniscule plot of land. The renowned architect Peter Ippolito created a true gem in the form of a house with a floor plan shaped like a slice of cake. And the Blümigs turned an old tobacco barn into a loft flooded with light.

Documentary, 30 min., 2019, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

564704 069

Between Europe and the US: In the Footsteps of the Architect Ely Jacques Kahn

The architect Ely Jacques Kahn helped shape the New York skyline, building close to fifty skyscrapers there over the course of his half-century career. He was influenced in his work by contemporary European architects, in particular Viennese modernism.

Documentary, 30 min., 2019, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

564704 070

Room With a View: The Fascination of Towers

Whether it’s a water tower, castle tower or observation tower, there’s something very appealing about these highly visible and often striking structures. Many bear witness to history; some have been repurposed as unusual homes; one was recently built to test high-tech elevators.

Documentary, 30 min., 2019, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

564704 071

Wonderful Wood: A New Look for a Traditional Material

Handcrafted wooden furniture has shrugged off its fusty image. Today, innovative woodworkers create elegant and sophisticated individual pieces. Nowadays, knotholes and even cracks in the wood are very much on-trend. The more natural and distinctive the look, the better.

Documentary, 30 min., 2019, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

564704 072

Total Automation: The Pros and Cons of a Smart Home

The refrigerator orders your favorite food, the bathroom checks your weight: Smart Living claims to make our lives easier by making things happen automatically. But intelligent homes are still reliant on intelligent users who can master the technology. Take your eye off the ball, and you and your smart home could become the target of cybercriminals.

Documentary, 30 min., 2019, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish







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Euromaxx

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Europe to the max – Euromaxx. The name says it all. Experience the richness and variety of Europe. Fascinating colorful reports bring alive the new Europe. See how people live across the continent, from Portugal to Ukraine, Finland to Italy.

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Faith Matters

Faith provides many people with a framework for life and a moral code. This series offers insights into matters of faith, with reports on contemporary Catholic and Protestant communities around the world. The main focus is on the purpose of existence, Christian values and social responsibility, as well as contributions Christians make to society, culture and the arts. Faith Matters portrays the everyday life of Christians; it reports on the latest events in the Christian community and on the work of churches in Germany and worldwide.

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Coffee – The Good, the Bad, Fair Trade

More than even beer, coffee is the most popular drink in Germany. Every German drinks about 300 liters of it a year. Many of them try to square enjoyment with a clear conscience by buying fair trade coffee. It costs more than normal coffee but the "Fairtrade" seal means that farmers in Africa or Latin America receive a greater share of sale proceeds than they would from normal coffee companies.

Documentary, 30 min., 2018, HD; Arabic, English, German, Spanish

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Theologian, Archaeologist, Maverick – Dieter Vieweger

Dieter Vieweger is a Lutheran theologian and an archaeologist. He has been Director-General of the German Protestant Institute of Archaeology in Jerusalem since 2005. With his infectious enthusiasm for unravelling the past, Professor Vieweger succeeds in fascinating young and old with his exploration of the Holy Land's 5000-year-old history.

Documentary, 30 min., 2019, HD; Arabic, English, German, Spanish

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Death is Part of Life – A Lutheran's Quest for Meaning

The Lutheran pastor Nikolaus Schneider held the highest office in the Evangelical Church in Germany, but his life has often been clouded by death. Aged 22, his daughter, Meike, died of leukemia. He preached at the memorial service for the victims of the crowd disaster at the 2010 Love Parade in Duisburg. Then his wife was diagnosed with cancer.

Documentary, 30 min., 2019, HD; Arabic, English, German, Spanish

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NoonSong – Concert and Church Service in Berlin

NoonSong has been called "thirty minutes of heaven." A choral concert, but also a church service. Thirty minutes of sacred music. Each NoonSong is unique. Every Saturday, it features beautiful a cappella singing selected from centuries of Christian music. The choral ensemble 'sirventes berlin', which includes some of Berlin's finest professional singers, performs at these events.

Documentary, 30 min., 2019, HD; Arabic, English, German, Spanish





Musica Maestra

With Alondra de la Parra

It's still rare to see a woman conducting an orchestra. But female conductors do exist – and one of them is Alondra de la Parra. Although the Mexican maestra is not yet 40, she's already conducted some of the best orchestras in the world. Since 2017, she's been Music Director of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra in Australia. As well as the standard classical repertoire, she believes it is important to familiarize audiences with the work of South American composers. To this end, she's even founded her own orchestra. Alondra de la Parra also doesn't shy away from cooperation with pop and rock musicians. In the series Musica Maestra she introduces some of the artists she has performed with in the concert hall or on stage.



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Alondra de la Parra in Mexico

Alondra de la Parra meets two of her favorite musicians: in Mexico City she performs with Rodrigo de al Cadena – and with Natalia Lafourcade she gives a concert in Mérida’s iconic Coliseo Yucatàn!

Magazine, 12 min., 2018, HD; English, Spanish

644897 008

Alondra de la Parra in Germany

Alondra de la Parra performs with the Bremen Kammerphilharmonie at Hamburg’s iconic Elbphilharmonie and with the Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra at the “Kissinger Sommer” music festival.

Magazine, 12 min., 2018, HD; English, Spanish

644897 009

How to become a Musica Maestra

Alondra de la Parra shares some memories from the past. See her private archive with files and tapes she has kept for years!

Magazine, 12 min., 2018, HD; English, Spanish

644897 010

Alondra de la Parra in Australia

Have you ever seen Alondra de la Parra doing a ballet dance? Join her and the Queensland Symphony Orchestra in Brisbane!

Magazine, 12 min., 2018, HD; English, Spanish



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