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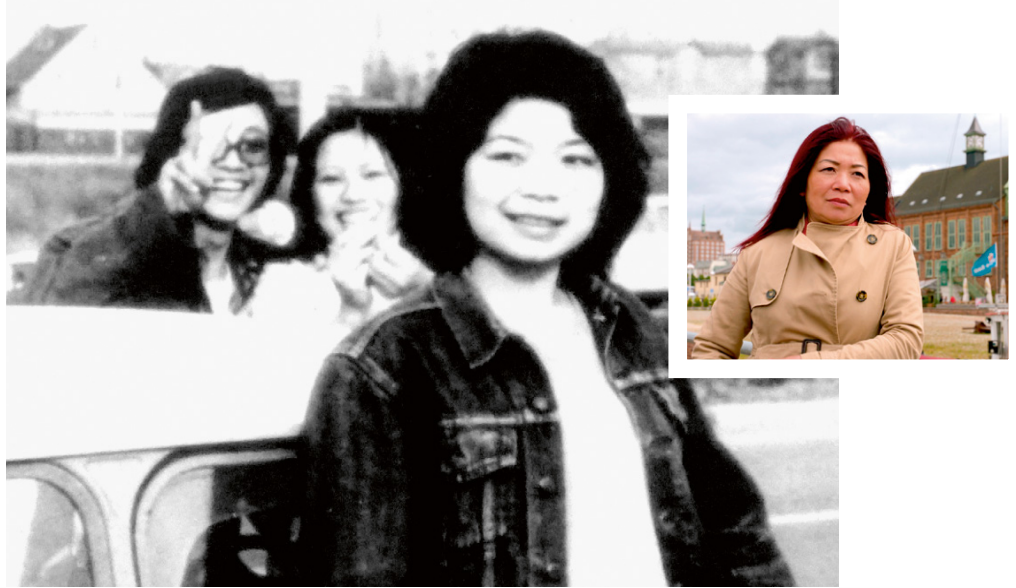
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History

01 Tito's Murder Squads – The Killing of Yugoslav Exiles in Germany **HD**

Before the fall of the Berlin Wall, around 30 opponents of the Yugoslav regime were murdered in West Germany – most exiled Croats assassinated on orders from Belgrade. German prosecutors believe former high-level intelligence agent Josip Perkovic was responsible for at least one of the killings, and he's now been indicted in Munich. In a documentary as exciting as any spy thriller, Philipp Grüll and Frank Hofmann look into this and other cases.

02 “Learn Polish!” – The East German Opposition and Solidarity **HD**

In the early 1980s, the courage displayed by members of the Solidarity movement in Poland gave East German opposition figures hope for reform in their own country. There were attempts at support – for example, the hunger strike by some 300 prisoners at a Stasi prison after martial law was proclaimed in Poland. But there were few direct contacts. Our film tells the stories of opposition activists then and now.

03 The Rebels – Regime Change in East Germany

In 1989, communist East Germany was in uproar, with its citizens increasingly demanding freedom of expression, free elections and political reforms. Involved in illegal peace and civil rights groups, young activists like Catrin Ulbricht, Katrin Hattenhauer and Jochen Lässig faced interrogation and imprisonment. But myriad individual acts of courage grew into the rebellion that spelled the end for East Germany's communist dictatorship.

04 + 05 Transit Camp Friedland, Part I and II **HD**

For millions of people, arrival at the Friedland camp in Lower Saxony marked the beginning of a new life – or at least some respite from a life on the run. The British military government opened the camp for German refugees and returning soldiers in September 1945. Today, Friedland is a reception center for asylum seekers and refugees. Many have abandoned everything back home and risked their lives to reach Europe. We accompanied some refugees during their stay in the camp and also talked to people who came to Friedland in the early days. All had dramatic stories to tell. “When I meet children from Syria or elsewhere in Friedland today, I am always meeting myself,” says Annelie Keil, who arrived there as an eight-year-old child in 1947. How different are the feelings, experiences and aspirations of the people in this place where so many decades of escape stories intersect?

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06 The Scent of Home – Encounters in Little Hanoi **HD**

It smells of coriander, mint and fish sauce. The Dong Xuan wholesale market in Berlin's Lichtenberg district is like a mini-version of Hanoi in Germany. The stalls are a meeting place for East and West, Germans, immigrants, tourists and locals alike. "Dong Xuan means spring meadow," explains Mai-Phuong Kollath, who came from Vietnam to the former East Germany as a contract worker in 1981. Here she buys fresh herbs for her spring rolls. Retailers like Raghbir Singh buy clothes wholesale here. He arrived in West Berlin from Punjab as a student in the summer of 1989. The Sikh is now a grandfather. His children and grandchildren were born in Berlin and only know a unified Germany. Businessman Suat Bakir was eight years old when he arrived from Turkey with his parents. "German reunification was like a wedding to which the immigrants were not invited," he says. We also meet Elisa Dosse from Mozambique, who lives with her husband in the eastern German city of Dessau. One of her best friends was murdered by neo-Nazis in 2000. They all have their own stories to tell, and all of them are closely linked to Germany. We visit them at home, in Dessau, Hamburg and Rostock, and accompany them to a place where Germany is exotic and different: a place that feels and smells like home.