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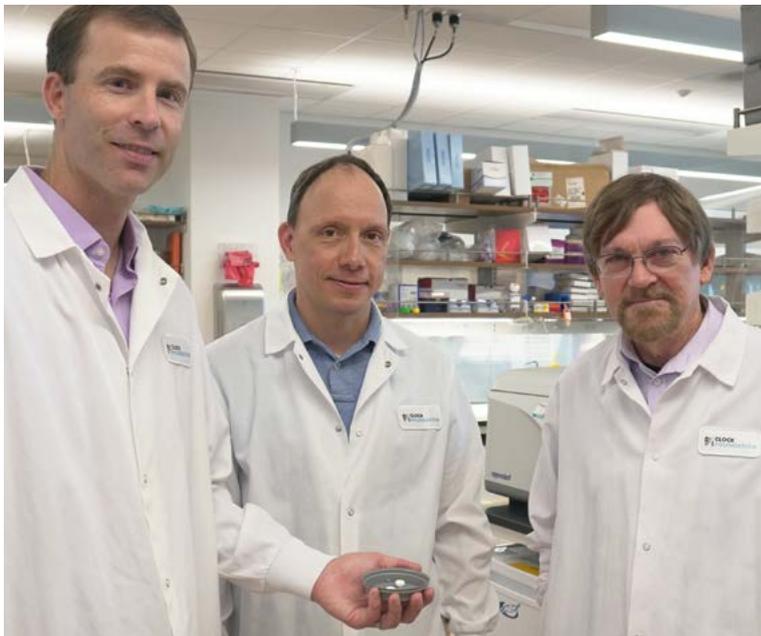
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## More Life

### Decoding the Secret of Ageing

**284941**

**Documentary,**  
**01 x 52 min.,**

2021, 4K;  
Arabic, English,  
German, Spanish

Most people want to live to an old age. But few want to be old. Because age means decay, limitations, disease. But does it have to be this way? Or can we grow very old and still retain good health?

"The first person who'll turn 150 years old has probably already been born," say some scientists – and they should know. Because they're tackling the root cause of the problem: not age-related illness, but the aging process itself.

But what's the secret of long life without aging biologically to the same extent? In telomeres, the ends of chromosomes, which are longer in Costa Rica centenarians than in other people? Is it enough to zap what are known as "zombie" cells, present in all of us? At least scientists are now able to measure our biological age regardless of our actual age in years. An invention by one of the gurus of longevity research Steve Horvath has made that possible.

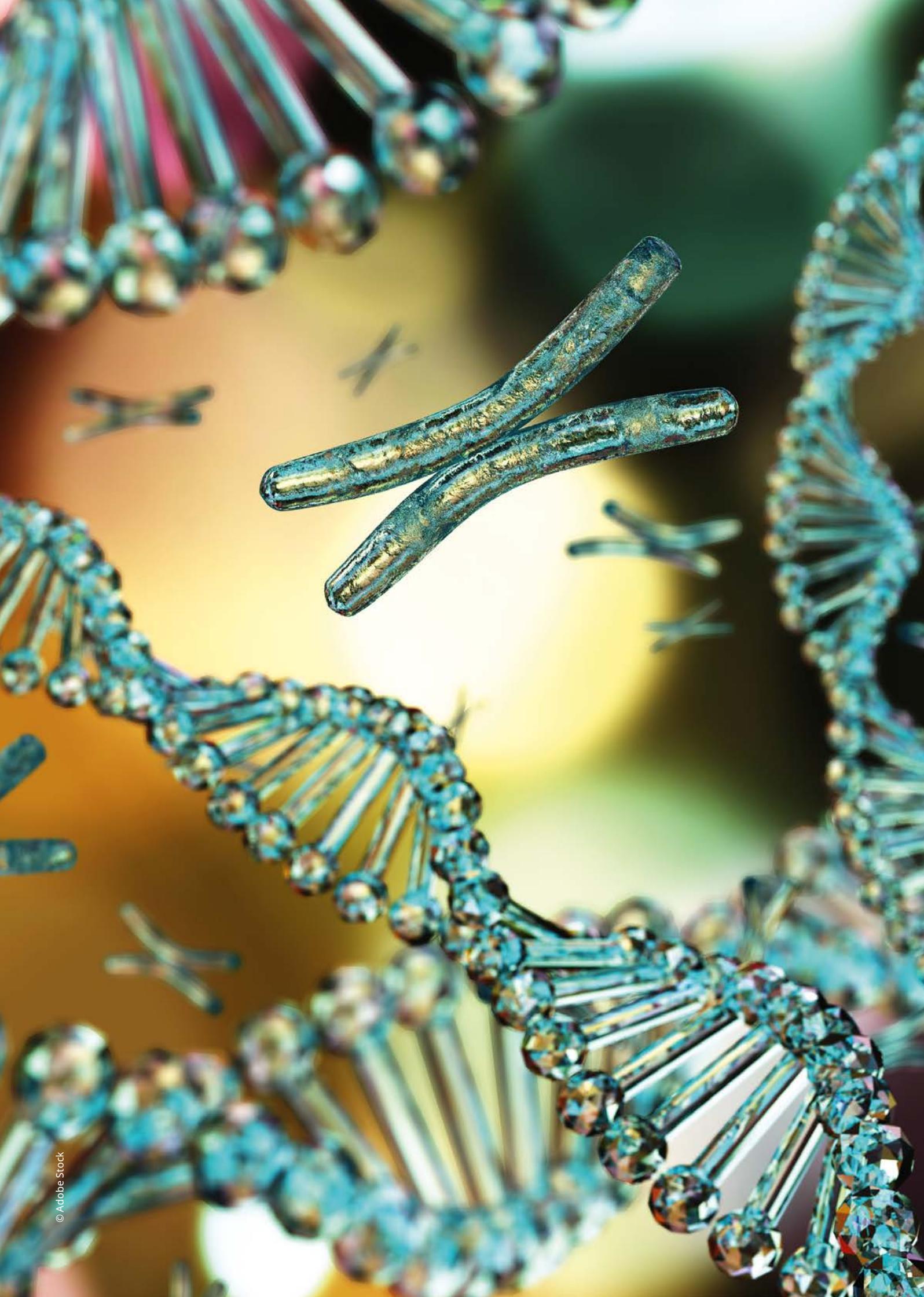
Instead of: "How old are you?", will we soon be asking: "What age does your biological clock show?" It's not implausible. We've already got a first app, developed in Hong Kong, promising to "protect" us from aging. And there are young biohackers such as Nina Khera from Boston, who want everyone to benefit from such research. If it's possible to delay human aging one day, how about reversing the process altogether? Greg Fahy is conducting research in California on the thymus gland. His initial study on humans showed that by taking certain medication, they shaved an average two-and-a-half years off their age.

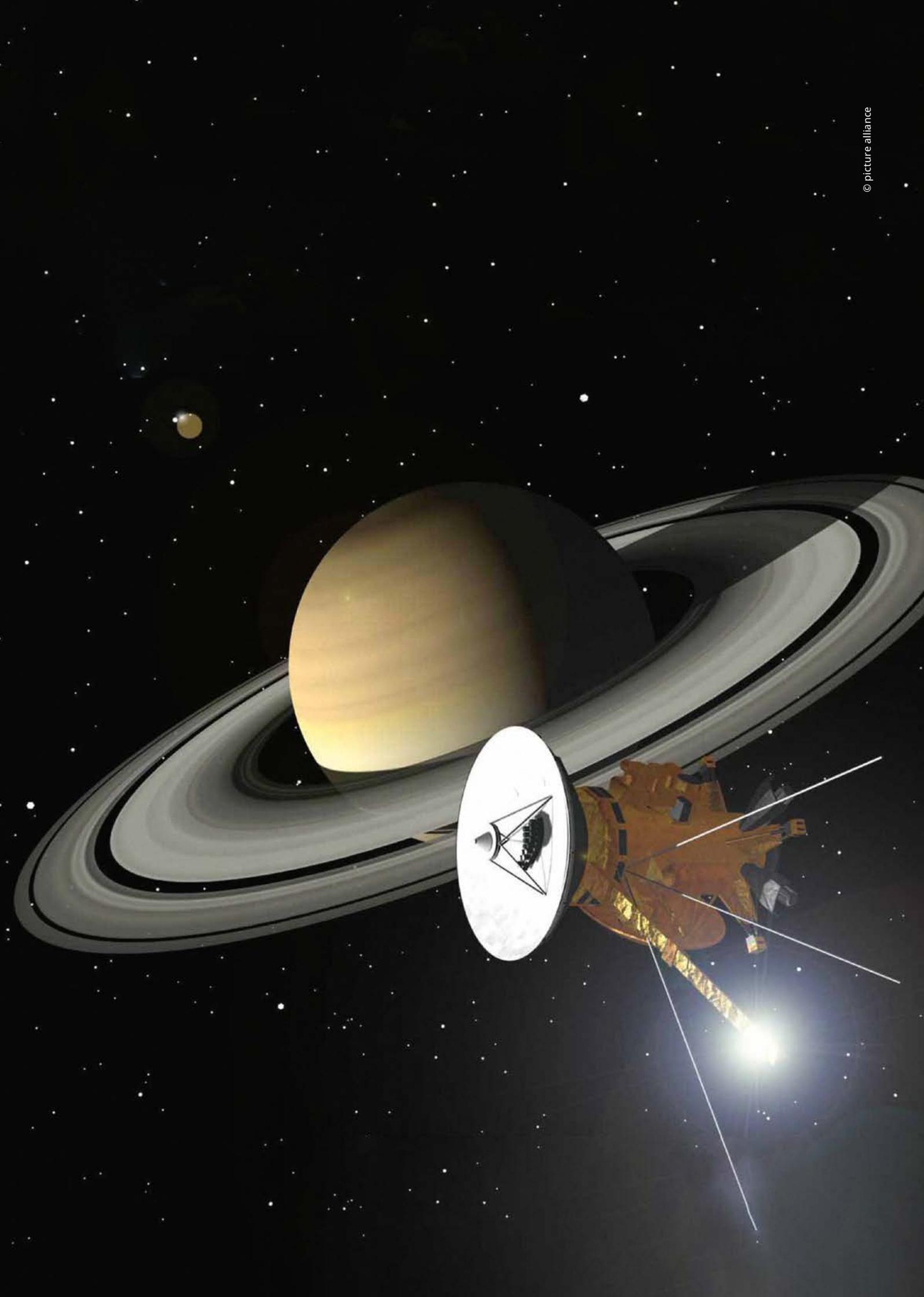
The race to crack the human longevity code currently resembles a scientific goldrush, with researchers competing for fame and investors' favor. It's quite possible that scientists may soon begin to realize humanity's age-old dream of eternal youth. They have already moved beyond the ongoing debate on the many social and economic implications of extending certain people's lifespans.

**284942**

**Documentary,**  
**01 x 45 min.,**

2021, 4K;  
Arabic, English,  
German, Spanish







## Reaching for the Stars

Our planet and the life it sustains are the product of cosmic processes. The stars have always fueled humanity's desire for knowledge. Space missions and sophisticated telescopes that reveal distant galaxies, black holes and exoplanets have enabled many groundbreaking insights into fundamental phenomena. Physics, chemistry and biology have all benefited as a consequence. Many technological achievements can be traced back to developments in space travel. During the Cold War the Soviet Union and the United States sparred to claim milestones such as the first satellite in space and the first manned moon landing, but nowadays many teams work together on an international level. Key projects include research into earthlike celestial bodies, manned missions to Mars and the quest to find natural resources in space.

**264898**

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05 x 30 min.,  
Arabic, English,  
Spanish

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**264898 013**

### Mission to Mars – Exploring the Red Planet

Missions to Mars are among the most ambitious space programs. Key considerations are the planet's climate and geology. These factors will determine whether and how manned flights to Mars will be realized. Mars rovers are already sending back breathtaking images of the surface of the Red Planet. Scientists and engineers are working on special devices for probing deep into the ground to locate potential water deposits.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**264898 014**

### Astronauts in Space – The Challenges of Everyday Life

How do space journeys affect the human body, the senses and the mind? Out in space, astronauts are not only exposed to weightlessness, they're also immersed in a purely technological environment. There are no natural sounds; there's no wind, weather or day-and-night rhythm that regulates human metabolism. Although they're undoubtedly passionate about their work, the space travelers certainly miss their lives back on Earth.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**264898 015**

### Titan – Saturn's Earth-Like Satellite

It's the largest moon to orbit Saturn and has fascinated astronomers for centuries: Titan is wrapped in a dense nitrogen-rich atmosphere containing hydrocarbons and traces of other organic compounds. It's thought there are large quantities of liquid water beneath the moon's icy surface. Of all the celestial bodies in our solar system, Titan is regarded as the most Earth-like and many probes have been sent there to find out more.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**264898 016**

### All Just Fake News? – Myths Surrounding the Moon Landing

NASA's manned missions to the Moon were a momentous moment in the history of mankind. So much so that doubters subsequently emerged claiming the whole story was nothing but a big hoax. Their theories persist to this day, not least because several details of the photos and archive footage don't quite add up. What's really going on here?

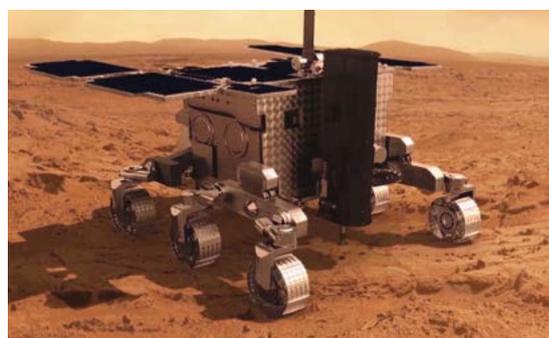
Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**264898 017**

### Asteroids – A Future Source of Raw Materials?

For years now, engineers, entrepreneurs and investors have been excited by the idea of mining asteroids for raw materials – primarily because it appears to present a solution to the looming prospect of dwindling resources on Earth. But to what extent are such projects possible and reasonable with existing technology? What are their limitations? Are mines on asteroids really just science fiction?

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish





## The Quest for Knowledge

Humans have always had a thirst for knowledge – whether it be to improve their lives and circumstances or out of sheer curiosity and the urge to get to the bottom of things. Without scientific discoveries, humanity would not have evolved at such a rapid pace. Life as we know it today would be unthinkable without the knowledge we gain through science and scholarship. Innovations and new insights are integrated into our lives in ever quicker succession. We watch scientists, engineers and inventors as they look for ways to increase human knowledge. These fascinating films accompany them in their Quest for Knowledge.

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**264700 098**

### The Wonder of Love – Let's Get Chemical

Love is more than just a feeling. Like eating and drinking, it's an instinct that's essential for survival and the result of complex biochemical processes. Like animals, human beings seek out their partners through scent. When a mother sees and touches her baby, her brain releases the hormone oxytocin, which in turn promotes bonding. Love makes social coexistence possible – for humans and animals. Because love is first and foremost biochemistry, it can affect the body of each and every individual. We really can get "lovesick".

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**264700 099**

### Rising Waters: Getting the Predictions Right

As ice caps melt and global sea levels rise, we need to work out where, how and when the impact of these changes will be felt. Political decisions with dramatic implications for society and ultimately the survival of millions of people in coastal regions depend on such prognoses. This places a huge responsibility on researchers as they interpret complex, dynamic data. Our ability to deal with the consequences of climate change relies on the accuracy of their forecasts. How do they deal with this pressure? And how much time do they have left to find solutions?

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**264700 100**

### The Roots of Evil

Why do some people become murderers? Where does the capacity for evil come from? Current research believes it has to do with genes, the environment and the situation of the individual. Findings show that evil may stem from an interplay of these three factors. It is almost impossible to foresee the explosive power of this combination. Years of research carried out on mass murderers, terrorists and regular criminals can help in the timely recognition of potential danger. But just how much use is being made of these scientific insights?

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**264700 101**

### The Science Behind the Lie

Lying is a highly sophisticated accomplishment of the mind that can be observed in both humans and animals. Researchers have determined that everyone lies every single day. But when does a lie cross the line into dangerous territory? And how do we recognize lies? The cognitive capacity to lie also includes the ability to unmask liars. Researchers are claiming it is now possible to measure lies. Is there be a formula for reliably detecting a liar?

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**264700 102**

### The Secret Power of Scents

We're constantly surrounded by scents of all different kinds. But we know relatively little about how they affect us. We know that smells influence our emotions. They can also heal – and not just when we breathe them in. This is because the nose isn't our only olfactory receptor. Even cancer cells react to particular smells. And researchers believe that essential oils can stem bacterial growth.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**264700 103**

### The Anthropocene

Humans have inflicted such dramatic and rapid change on the Earth since the mid-20th century that some leading scientists are now describing the current geological epoch as the Anthropocene. Humankind's devastating interference in the cycles of nature is transforming the world. The Anthropocene impacts our planet in a number of ways including global warming and an accelerated rate of species extinction. If we are to conserve the basis of our existence, we must try to reverse the consequences of our own activities. What role can science play in the process?

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish





**264700 104**

**Isolation: Endurance Test for Body and Mind**

Humans are social beings and need interpersonal contact to thrive. But what happens when they have to isolate themselves, for example during the coronavirus pandemic or in remote places? For some time now researchers have been studying the impact of solitary confinement on prison inmates. Expeditions to polar regions or space missions also provide valuable information on the effect of isolation on the human psyche and immune system. Meanwhile, science has gained insights into how people subjected to isolation can withstand this endurance test.

**Documentary, 30 min.**, 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**264700 105**

**Sand: A Dwindling Resource**

Sand is the main component of concrete and the second most important natural resource after oil and natural gas. And although it appears to be omnipresent, like fossil fuels it is not an unlimited resource. This is because only a small proportion of the sand on the Earth is useful to us. In recent years, demand has grown so steeply in many industrial sectors that exploitation of sand deposits is having a devastating impact. Scientists are working on new concepts to protect and save this valuable resource, as well as developing ideas for substitute products.

**Documentary, 30 min.**, 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish



**264700 106**

**Killer Conversations – Do Orcas Have Language?**

Killer whales, or orcas, communicate constantly with one another, and each family has its own dialect. Are these sounds merely a crude communication system? Or are there recurring patterns indicative of a real language shared by these highly intelligent marine mammals? For the first time, a team of scientists is using machine learning to explore these questions. For three years, the researchers observed orcas in the Canadian Pacific and trained algorithms to identify links between the animals' sounds and their behavior.

**Documentary, 30 min.**, 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

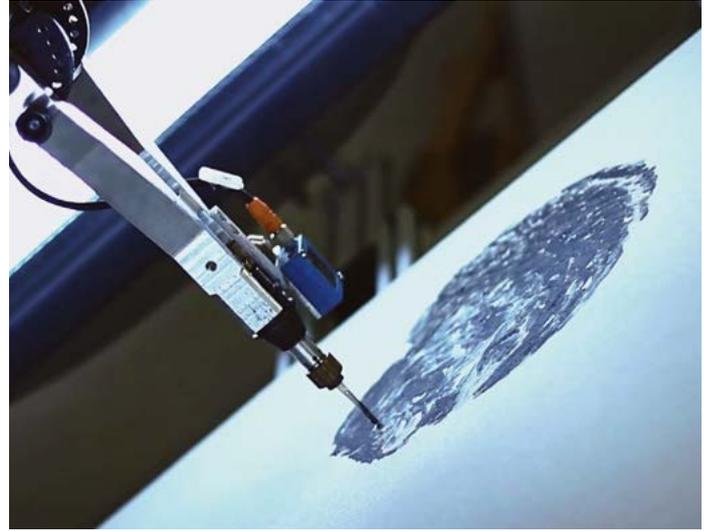
**264700 107**

**Rewilding – Back to Nature**

Species extinction caused by humans has grave consequences for nature on the planet as a whole. A possible response to this is the concept of rewilding: the repopulation of species that serve a key function in the health of an ecosystem. To do this, scientists and conservationists are using state-of-the-art technology – and initial successes are encouraging: In Yellowstone National Park in the United States the reintroduction of wolves has helped to restore a healthy equilibrium. The ecosystem of Romanian forests is in recovery thanks to a project returning European bison to the region. And mangrove replanting in Costa Rica is bringing back species that had already disappeared from the coastal wetlands.

**Documentary, 30 min.**, 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish





## digital

The digital revolution has advanced into many areas of our lives. For most people, digital technologies are now an intrinsic part of both working life and leisure time. In many ways, they enrich our life and make it easier – for example, by making information and resources accessible, providing a diverse range of communication platforms, and taking on monotonous or dangerous jobs. Highly complex systems can now detect cancer cells in tissue samples more quickly and efficiently than ever before, or brake vehicles ahead of a potential collision. But these technologies also harbor risks. Many everyday interactions require us to divulge a huge amount of personal information – used by unknown entities to bombard us with news, marketing and political messages. The question remains: Who – or what – are the better decision-makers. Humans or machines?

**264940**

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04 x 30 min.,  
Arabic, English,  
Spanish

**264940 001**

### **The Artist's Code – Can Algorithms Be Creative?**

Popular pieces of music, paintings, sculptures and novels are all constructed around a particular framework of rules. Complex software now allows us to analyze and visualize those rules like never before. Could this reveal the secret of great art? Publishers already use algorithms to predict the success – or failure – of a book. Adaptive systems can already write music in the style of famous composers or use 3D printers to produce new artwork that look like the real thing. Could such perfect creations soon overshadow the work of human artists?

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**264940 002**

### **Cyborgs – Hybrid Beings as Humans of the Future?**

Artificial Intelligence combined with sensor- and control technology is already enhancing the lives of disabled people – in the form of intelligent arm or leg prostheses or devices that process visual or acoustic signals in order to stimulate particular nerves in blind or deaf people. Might similar systems soon be available to anyone – for example, to enhance personal performance or the capacity to absorb information? While skeptics warn of risks for society and mental health, enthusiastic supporters see digitally augmented humans at the threshold of a new and better era.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**264940 003**

### **The Promise of AI – Paradise or Robocalypse?**

Chatbots that can hold witty conversations, medical systems that diagnose cancer, and autonomous machines capable of deadly force – artificial intelligence is transforming many important aspects of human life. The algorithms used by these systems are in perpetual development mode. On the basis of certain criteria, they quickly learn to evaluate their input and make swift decisions. When it comes to speed, they often have the edge on humans. But just how much can and should they replace us? A question addressed by AI experts, ethicists and philosophers.

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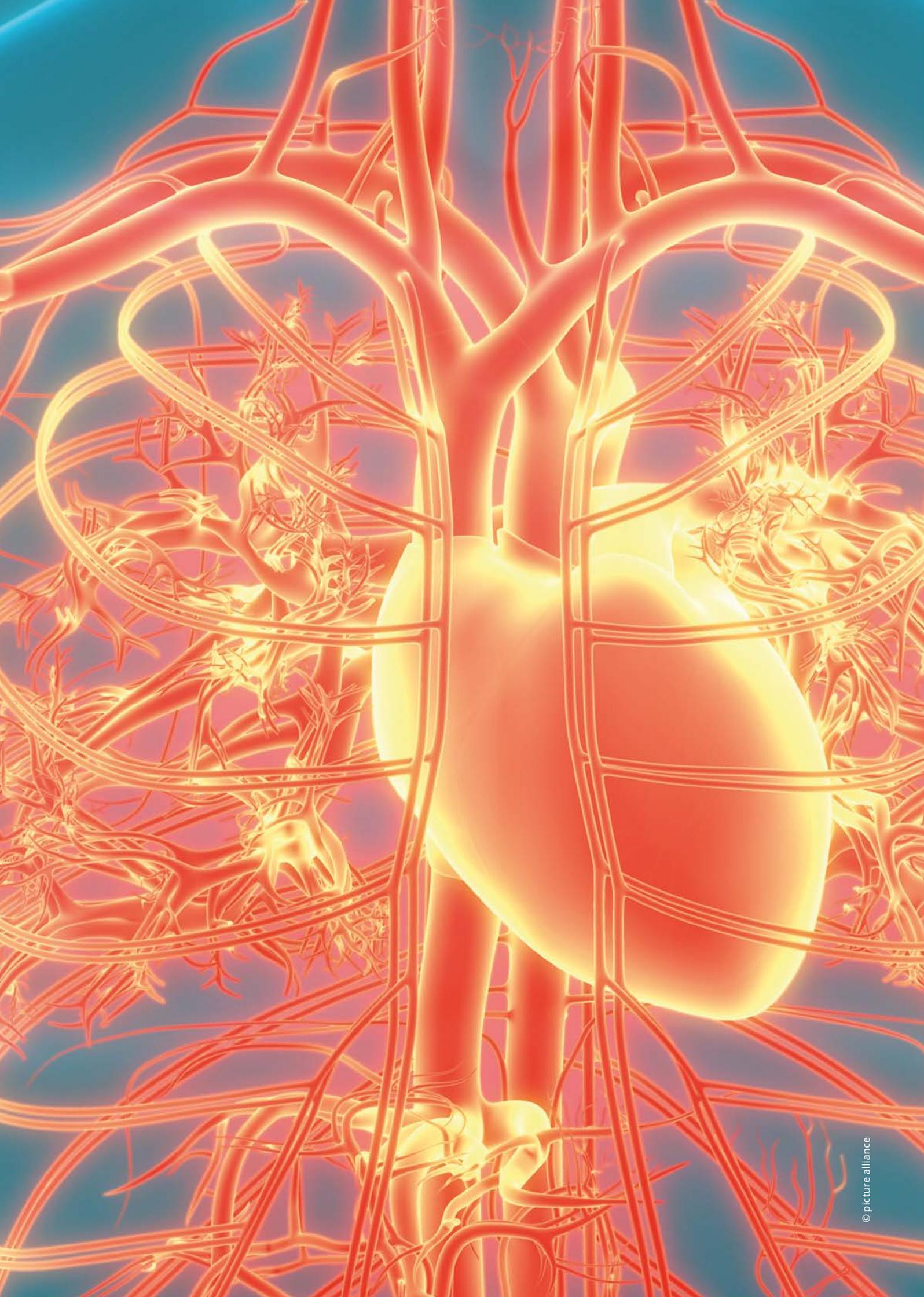
**264940 004**

### **Humanoid Robots – Friendly Helpers or Alien Machines?**

All over the world, scientists in a vast range of disciplines are working on the development of humanoid robots. It's proving to be a huge challenge. Sensor technology, advanced mechanics and control algorithms allow robot hands to operate with great sensitivity. Self-learning systems that aim to imitate human gestures and facial expressions are improving all the time. And Artificial Intelligence facilitates object recognition. But important questions remain: how should the limits of autonomous robot activity be defined? And what should humanoid robots look like so as to foster natural interaction with humans?

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## TeleMed

Huge progress has been made in medicine in recent decades. For example, the discovery of fiber optics has made it possible to take a close look at the stomach and intestines. Magnetic resonance imaging creates three-dimensional images without using harmful X-rays. Advances in intensive care, transplantation and genetic engineering are making it possible to tackle diseases previously regarded as incurable. But there is still much uncharted scientific territory, for example with regard to diseases that have only emerged with our civilization.

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04 x 30 min.,  
Arabic, English,  
Spanish

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**264607 099**

### Food Supplements – Benefits and Risks

Many people take vitamin, protein and mineral supplements as part of their health and fitness regime. These products claim to address nutritional deficiencies and prevent illness. As for how much to take, it's generally thought "the more, the better". But that's not always the case. A supplement-heavy diet carries potential risks – which are often glossed over.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**264607 100**

### Cardiac Medicine – Back to Normal Life

A diagnosis of heart disease always has a great impact on the lives of those affected. But a wealth of new therapeutic approaches such as relatively gentle surgical procedures, special post-operative care and herbal remedies mean that, after a while, many patients these days can look forward to leading normal lives again.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**264607 101**

### Osteopathy – Gentle Hands-On Therapy

Osteopathic treatments can go a long way to easing symptoms and curing ailments – not just in patients with muscle and joint pain, but also those suffering from migraines, internal organ complaints and developmental disorders in infancy. Osteopaths use nothing but their hands: They locate areas of tension, find clues to their cause and free-up blockages. In recent years, many cases have provided scientific evidence of the efficacy of these methods, which are usually considered complementary to conventional treatments.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**264607 102**

### The Placebo Effect: The Immune System Responds

The idea that your brain can convince your body that a fake treatment is the real thing is nothing new. But how can the phenomenon be explained? New research shows that the interaction between patient and doctor, as well as the neurophysiological reaction to this, exert a positive influence on the immune system. Physicians now want to harness this effect for more specific treatments.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish





# The Great Outdoors

## Our National Parks

All around the globe, national parks play a key role in maintaining the ecological balance and biodiversity of our world. As nature reserves, they promote the natural and long-term development of extensive habitats and their species and ecosystems. National parks provide people with the scope and space for scientific research and education, as well as for leisure and tourism. This series takes a fascinating look at national parks all over the world. Using breathtaking footage, we show the unique character of these biospheres.

**164836**

Documentary,  
07 x 30 min.,  
Arabic, English,  
Spanish

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**164836 020**

**The Wapiti Mystery – Yellowstone National Park, USA**

Following an 80 percent decline in the wapiti, or elk, population in the world's oldest national park, rangers and biologists launch an investigation into the causes of this worrisome phenomenon. Their findings are baffling and provide valuable insights into the workings of a diverse yet fragile ecosystem.  
**Documentary, 30 min.**, 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**164836 021**

**A World Wonder in a Border Zone – Iguazú National Park, Argentina**

In the frontier region between Brazil and Argentina, the waters of the Iguazú River thunder down from heights of up to 80 meters. The falls are regarded as one of the "Seven Natural Wonders of the World". In the national park on the Argentinian side, rangers are trying to strike a balance between managing tourist numbers and protecting the natural beauty of the site. They're also responsible for sections of the neighboring Atlantic Forest – home to endangered species such as the jaguar.  
**Documentary, 30 min.**, 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**164836 022**

**Untamed Watery Landscape – Donau-Auen National Park, Austria**

Between two European capitals, Bratislava in Slovakia and Vienna in Austria, is central Europe's largest remaining floodplain. It's the only place where the continent's second-longest river, the Danube, can flow freely into the floodplain area and form a diverse range of habitats. The reserve is home to numerous threatened species such as the white-tailed eagle and the European pond turtle.  
**Documentary, 30 min.**, 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**164836 023**

**Nature and Culture – Gwaii Haanas National Park, Canada**

Canada's most remote national park extends over more than 130 islands, accessible only by boat or waterplane. The reserve on the north Pacific coast was founded in 1988. As well as protecting the islands' flora and fauna, the area also preserves world cultural heritage sites of the indigenous Haida people. The Haida have lived on the archipelago for more than 14,000 years. They manage the park in cooperation with Canadian authorities.  
**Documentary, 30 min.**, 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**164836 024**

**High Altitude Survival – Baima Snow Mountain National Natural Reserve, China**

Inhabitants of the Baima Snow Mountains on the margins of the Himalayas are able to withstand extreme conditions at altitudes of up to 5,000 meters: for example, patient foragers find tiny caterpillar mushrooms on barren slopes. This is one of the last refuges of the black snub-nosed monkey, protected by gamekeepers and Buddhist monks. The production of traditional yak butter becomes a test of physical endurance as Tibetan herders drive their livestock up the mountains to pasture.  
**Documentary, 30 min.**, 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

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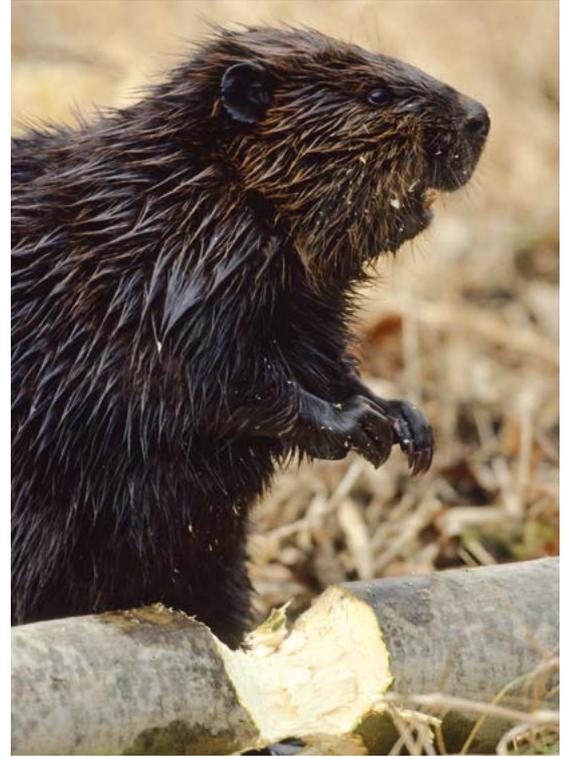
**Europe's Last Lowland Primeval Forest – Białowieża National Park, Poland**

Six thousand years ago, the Great European Plain was covered by primeval forest. The last surviving area of this prehistoric woodland lies in the border region between Poland and Belarus. The Białowieża National Park on the Polish side is a strictly protected core zone of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is also home to the last wild population of European bison, which are now being reintroduced to other parts of the continent.  
**Documentary, 30 min.**, 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**164836 026**

**Diversity on Land and Underwater – Mingan Archipelago National Park, Canada**

This reserve on the Gulf of St. Lawrence in eastern Canada is famous for its limestone monoliths formed over millennia by water and ice. Less is known about the archipelago's submarine world. With a vibrancy matching that of tropical waters, this nutrient-rich underwater realm is a feeding ground for many different species of whale. Park rangers are responsible for protecting these aquatic mammals, as well the huge variety of flora and fauna on some 30 forested islands.  
**Documentary, 30 min.**, 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish



## Struggle for Survival

One in four species of mammal, one in eight species of bird and a third of all amphibian species are threatened with extinction. The diversity of life on our planet is declining at an alarming rate. The International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List of Threatened Species shows that not enough is being done to save them. The number of species on it has increased dramatically. Immediate, drastic action is required to preserve valuable habitats and halt the extinction of species.

**264702**

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Arabic, English,  
Spanish

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**264702 045**

### **Cape Gannets – Daredevil Hunters Under Threat**

Cape gannets are remarkable hunters native to the coastal regions of South Africa and Namibia. They plunge into the sea from great heights to catch schooling fish such as sardines. The shoals used to run into the millions, but they're being decimated by intensive fishing, with drastic consequences – and not just for the gannets, as many other marine predators are also dependent on this source of food.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**264702 046**

### **Canadian Beavers – Return of the Dam-Builders**

Beavers were almost eradicated from many parts of North America. They were hunted for their pelts and flesh, but also because their dams sometimes flooded fields and pastures, roads and homes. But there's a growing realization that they play an important role in the ecosystem, one that can also benefit people. That's why efforts are being made to resettle beavers in some areas.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**264702 047**

### **The Wandering Lions of Gujarat**

The habitat of the Asian lion once extended from India to the Balkans. But of that vast area, just one tiny island remains: the Gir National Park in the state of Gujarat in western India. But recently, an increasing number of Asian lions are venturing outside the park and coming close to villages and farms. The situation is not as problematic as one might expect: a relationship is developing between lions and humans that is not defined by conflict but by tolerance and the ability to coexist.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**264702 048**

### **Too Delicate to Survive? The Depletion of Sea Cucumbers**

Sea cucumbers are traditionally fished in the South Pacific for the Chinese market. Mostly traded in dried form, these members of the starfish family are regarded as a delicacy. But increasing demand is exerting pressure on the animals' populations and the ecosystems in which they live, as well as on the people who catch them. And the overexploitation is spreading to other ocean regions.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish





**264702 049**

**Venomous Snakes of Bolivia**

Bolivia is home to many venomous snakes, with new species being identified all the time. Among them: a pit viper thus far captured on a single photograph. Two Spanish herpetologists have set out to locate the snake in order to conduct a scientific assessment. Time is of the essence, as they suspect that the species could be under threat. Encounters between venomous snakes and humans often end fatally – usually for the snakes.

**Documentary, 30 min.**, 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish



**264702 050**

**Long Ears, Powerful Legs, Nowhere to Run:  
The European Hare**

The European hare is one of Eurasia's best-known wild animals. It thrives in open landscapes traversed with hedges and bushes for cover. Hares have a varied herbivorous diet and while they usually forage in groups, they also like to strike out alone during twilight hours and at night. Populations have declined in many European regions due to intensive farming practices that choke unspoiled nature with vast monocultures.

**Documentary, 30 min.**, 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish



**264702 051****Beach Life – A Niche for the Black-Backed Jackal**

The black-backed jackal is a small canine prevalent in eastern and southern Africa. Its adaptability enables it to thrive in a wide variety of habitats. For example, the dry and inhospitable Skeleton Coast of Namibia where the animals have been driven by farmers. Among the prey they find there is the Cape fur seal. These gentle giants can be many times larger and heavier than the jackals.

**Documentary, 30 min.**, 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**264702 052****Polar Bears – Rulers of a Dwindling Habitat**

The polar bear, the largest land-based carnivore on Earth today, is under threat. The animal's biggest problem is sea ice melting accelerated by climate change. Polar bears depend on the ice in the northern polar region where they spend most of their lives hunting seals. The bears rely almost exclusively on a diet of seal meat to survive and there is little alternative prey on offer in their Arctic environment.

**Documentary, 30 min.**, 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**264702 053****Whitetip Sharks – From Hunter to Hunted**

Until a few decades ago, the oceanic whitetip shark was one of the most abundant large animals on Earth. It is considered a threat to humans, although it lives in deep temperate waters and encounters are rare. Little is known about the species, although one thing is certain: hunting the sharks for their fins is causing a worrying population decline.

**Documentary, 30 min.**, 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish





## Fighting the Floods\*

164949

Documentary,

01 x 30 min.,

2021, HD;

Arabic, English,

German, Spanish

\* Working Title

In many regions of the world, flooding is a recurring phenomenon that people have more or less learned to live with. But recent years have seen an increase in the frequency of catastrophic, extreme weather events far beyond the norm. In Africa, Mozambique was hit by disastrous floods for the third year in a row. In Europe, the summer of 2021 was especially bad for western Germany. In Asia, although accustomed to deluges, low-lying areas of Bangladesh experienced their worst monsoon flooding in years in 2020.

How are people on the ground responding to the increasingly dramatic effects of climate change? What measures are being adopted by specialists and authorities in the Mozambican city of Beira, the western German Ahr valley and the Bangladeshi capital Dhaka in preparation for future extreme weather events? How do those affected manage to get back on their feet after a devastating flood? Can the problem be solved by investing in flood defenses, warning systems or assistance for flood victims? Or are these events a sign that the issue of climate protection must be taken more seriously?



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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,

10 x 30 min.,

2021, HD;

English, Spanish

106 additional episodes available

**224768**

Clips, 40 x 07 min.,

2021, HD;

Arabic, English,

German, Spanish

424 additional episodes available

### SAMPLE EPISODE OF 30 MINUTE VERSION

#### Belize – Lobbying for Crocodiles

US-born Marisa Tellez has always been fascinated by crocodiles. Today she’s a leading researcher on the reptiles in Belize. She wants to spread the message that crocodiles are not monsters but vulnerable creatures deserving of protection.



#### Russia – Climate Change and Arctic Reindeer

For centuries, the Nenets people have wandered across northern Russia with their reindeer. But now, climate change threatens to bring an end to their nomadic existence. Researchers are looking for a way out of this man-made crisis.



#### Uganda – Kampala Gears Up for E-Mobility

Two startups are blazing a trail for e-mobility by introducing electric motorcycle taxis to the streets of Kampala. The aim is to revolutionize Uganda’s traffic and transport sectors.



#### Argentina – Penguin Colonies Drowning in Plastic Waste

Even in Tierra del Fuego at the southern tip of Argentina, the environment is polluted with plastic. Biologist Andrea Raya Rey, who studies penguins there, finds nests full of plastic trash. With the help of supporters she is hoping to change that.



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**SAMPLE EPISODE OF 30 MINUTE VERSION**



**Colombia – Guardians of the Andean Bear**

The spectacled bear is native to the Andes. But poaching, rapid urban growth and increasing deforestation in Colombia have been forcing the animal to look for new habitats. A sanctuary offers some protection.

**Albania – Building a Future at Home**

For generations, many small farmers and their families living in the mountains of Albania have reared sheep and sold milk for a living. But now young people often leave home in search of better prospects. An environmental NGO wants to encourage them to stay by helping them establish sustainable livelihoods.



**Mexico – Reviving Old Farming Practices**

Many farmers in the La Sepultura biosphere reserve in southern Mexico keep livestock. But their methods have left the local forests badly damaged. The project BioPaSOS encourages the farmers to switch to more sustainable livestock farming practices that protect woodland and biodiversity.



**Ghana – Cocoa Farmers Struggle to Survive**

Ghana is the world's second largest cocoa exporter. But small farmers are suffering because illegal logging destroys tall trees that provide their plants with shade. Now there's an app that lets them alert authorities to illegal activities. Small loans are also available to help them get through difficult periods.



## Farming for the Planet

Agriculture is under pressure to feed a burgeoning global population. And it has undergone dramatic developments in this regard over the last 100 years. But increasing industrialization of the sector has negative consequences: it burdens the environment and replaces manpower with technology, providing fewer people with a livelihood. If these developments continue unchecked, then before long the food we eat will be controlled by large corporations, and food markets will be geared towards short-term profit – at the expense of non-renewable resources such as land and water, at the expense of the rural population and biodiversity. But this is not the only way forward. Sustainable agricultural approaches and an efficient smallholding economy can in the long term create equilibrium between food security and the utilization of natural resources. There are examples of this all over the world, pursued by people who are Farming for the Planet.

**064858**

Documentary,  
06 x 30 min.,  
Arabic, English,  
Spanish

10 additional  
episodes available

**064858 012**

### Lentils: The Ideal Crop for a Hotter Planet?

Lentils thrive especially well in arid regions and store nitrogen from the air in root nodules. This means growing them is a natural way to fertilize the soil. Lentils are also very nutritious. That’s why they are the subject of intensive research, to optimize industrial cultivation as well as integrate them into smallholders’ crop rotation schedules. It’s hoped that growing more lentils will both counteract climate change and malnutrition.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**064858 013**

### The “Post-Fossil” Farming Movement

The agriculture industry consumes a huge amount of fossil resources, for example in the form of fuel and fertilizer. But a number of promising approaches are preparing for a “post-fossil” culture – and not just in farming. The movement aims to equip both cities and rural areas for the dual challenge presented by climate change and dwindling resources by enhancing self-sufficiency and cooperation.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**064858 014**

### Biodiversity and Agriculture – A Fruitful Coexistence

Intensive farming often produces food to the detriment of biodiversity. Farmers practice monocropping over increasingly large areas of cultivated land. In Europe, long-term studies point to a worrying decline in insect species – a complex process that’s difficult to halt. And this despite the fact that around half of global economic output depends on intact ecosystems. New ideas and concepts show that coexistence between intensive farming and biodiversity is not only possible, it can also be mutually beneficial.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**064858 015**

### Digital Food

The digitalization of agriculture continues apace. Many startups use funding mechanisms, intelligent technologies and big data in future-oriented food production. The new concepts range from bridging the transition phase from conventional to organic farming and the application of technology for greenhouses through to minimizing losses in food production chains. These and other developments can help to provide a growing global population with sustainably produced and healthy food - that also tastes good.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**064858 016**

### Regreening the Planet

For decades now, we’ve been losing vast tracts of arable land worldwide – and the arable land itself has been losing its fertility. This is due to land repurposing, logging, slash-and-burn farming and harmful farming methods that promote erosion and deplete the soil. But agriculture can also play a part in reversing soil degradation. This benefits biodiversity and nature, but also the economy and the lives of people in affected areas.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**064858 017**

### Vertical Farming

A lot of food is produced far away from the people who eat it in processes that use vast amounts of water and raw materials. Distribution is often so inefficient that large amounts of produce perish, while people in other places go hungry. One solution would be to grow food in or close to cities – vertically to limit land usage. The practice has already been tried and tested. Vertical farming technologies are eco-friendly, resilient to weather conditions and produce higher crop yields than conventional methods. If used in conjunction with other sustainability strategies, the approach could help to solve our food supply problems.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish







## Colonial Legacy

Where do Africa's Treasures belong?

364947

Documentary,

01 x 30 min.,

2021, HD;

Arabic, English,

German, Spanish

The Humboldt Forum in the capital Berlin is Germany's biggest cultural project. Intended as a place of dialogue, it houses exhibitions on the history of the German capital, as well as the Ethnological Museum and the Museum of Asian Art. And indeed, the ethnological collections have been the focus of many controversial debates. Many of the objects, acquired during the colonial period, are tainted with blood. What does this mean for the Humboldt Forum exhibitions? How should such works be dealt with generally? Amidst the controversy surrounding looted art, the discussion about provenance research and how to curate sensitive exhibitions, we joined the head of the Ethnological Museum, Jonathan Fine, at his workplace in Berlin and on an earlier trip to Cameroon.

In 2017, Fine conducted research into one of the collection's most impressive objects, a royal throne from the Kingdom of Bamum. He was searching for answers: How did it come to be in Germany? Was it a diplomatic gift to the German Kaiser or a forced gesture of submission? Is it a case for restitution? If it were up to Cameroonian curator and art critic Bonaventure Ndikung, Germany would have to present Cameroon with an important artwork in return – as a true act of diplomacy.

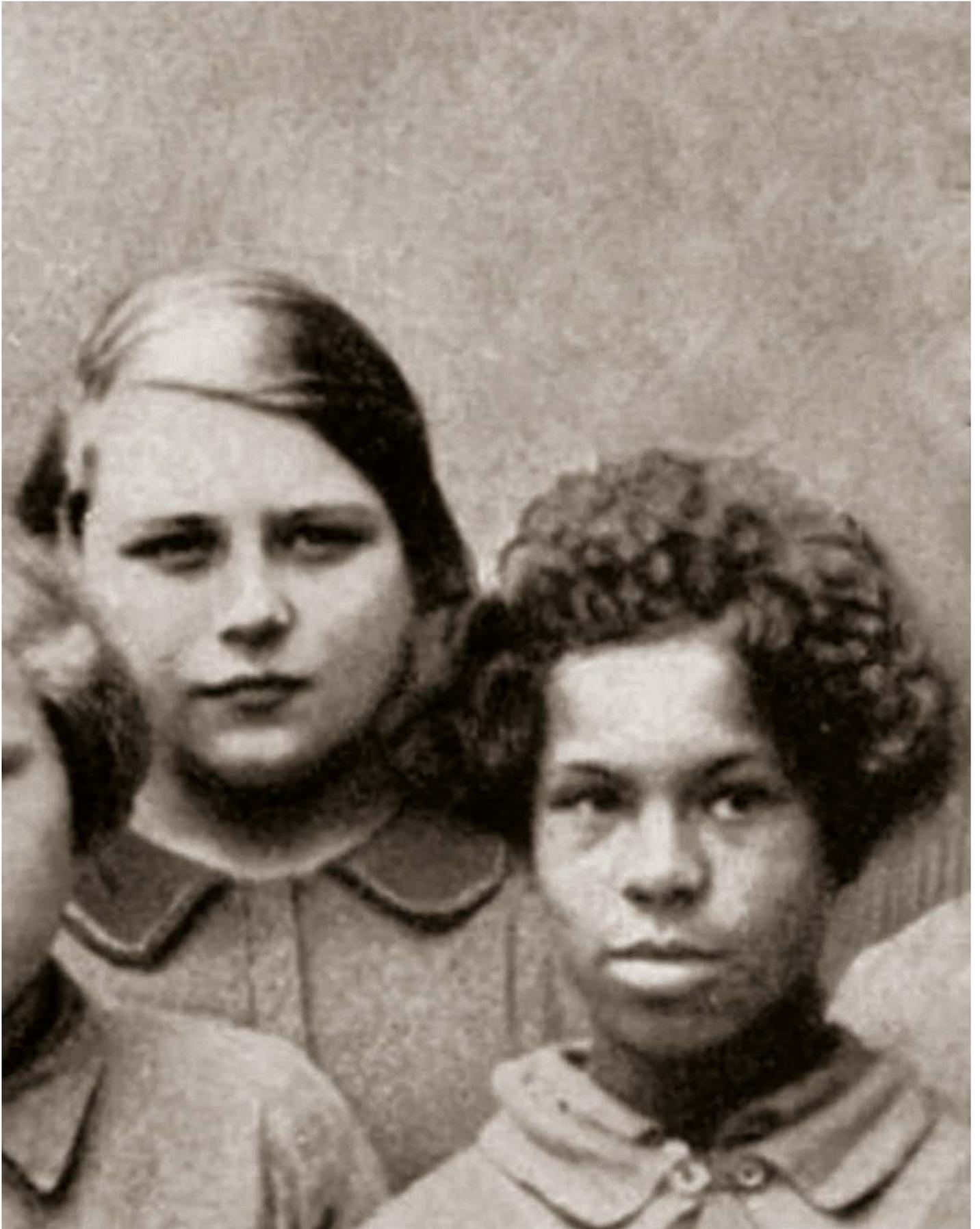
Another research project explores Germany's colonial past in Namibia. Official German acknowledgement of the Herero genocide didn't come until 2016. Many treasures looted during the colonial period are still in German museum collections. As part of the provenance project, researchers looked at the history, significance and artistic potential of 1,400 objects from Berlin's collections in cooperation with the Museums Association of Namibia.

So far, 23 objects have been returned to Namibia, although only on loan. The renowned Namibian fashion and costume designer Cynthia Schimming, who was also involved in the project, has called for the works to be returned unconditionally.

Many have asked that the same be done with the Benin Bronzes, some of the most renowned and controversial pieces in the Berlin collection. These masterpieces, which once adorned the royal palace in the Kingdom of Benin (in present-day Nigeria), were plundered by British troops as part of a punitive expedition in 1897. They were then sold on the international art market; many ended up in various European museums.

They have become a touchstone for whether the Humboldt Forum will really break new ground and dare to enter into a cultural exchange on a level playing field. It was recently decided that part of the collection would be restituted, but some of the Benin Bronzes will be displayed at the Humboldt Forum. The question is how to do this appropriately.

For Jonathan Fine, ethnological museums today need to make it clear that Europe's history is closely intertwined with colonialism: "I think it would be a success if we take the idea of a forum at its word and think of the Humboldt Forum, not as a place that will give us answers to our questions, but will enable us to pose questions about the past and the present and to bring in more voices, wider voices and different perspectives on what those questions mean. Only in that way, I think, can we come to an understanding and find answers for ourselves about what 500 years of European colonization has meant for the world we live in."





## They Called Them “The Children of Shame”

A Tale of Prejudice and Propaganda

**884943**  
 Documentary,  
 01 x 52 min.,  
 2021, HD;  
 German

Around 100,000 French troops were sent to occupy Germany's Rhineland region in 1920. About 20,000 of these soldiers came from the French colonies of Tunisia, Morocco, French Indochina, and Senegal.

The African troops became targets of a harassment campaign called “Die Schwarze Schmach,” or “The Black Disgrace.” German political parties, the media, and many organizations tried to discredit French occupation policies by falsely claiming that black French soldiers were systematically raping German women and children. The presence of black, North African, and Asian troops in Germany was depicted as a threat to the “German race” and the future of European civilization.

Between 1919 and 1928, several hundred mixed-race children were born in Germany's Rhineland region – the product of liaisons between local women and French occupation troops. These children, their mothers, and extended families were socially ostracized from the very beginning.

In the 1930s, these children became victims of racist Nazi policies. In 1937, Adolf Hitler secretly ordered hundreds of them to be forcibly sterilized. A special unit of the Gestapo was set up to carry out this task.

This documentary, directed by Dominik Wessely, tells the story of a forgotten crime. It also explains how propaganda and toxic “fake news” reports can create an environment in which horrific crimes can be committed.





## 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.

**824869**

Report,  
36 x 12 min.,  
2021, HD;  
English, German,  
Spanish

35 x 12 min.,  
Arabic

91 additional  
episodes available

### SAMPLE EPISODES

#### When, if not Now? – Imarn Takes on Racism

Activist Imarn Ayton organizes demonstrations with thousands of protesters. So why hasn't UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson rung her up? Her hope is to see the anti-racism protests result in effective policy-making.

#### Beaten by the System – How Workers in Germany are Exploited

Unpaid overtime, cramped living conditions, and no compensation for sickness or injury – tens of thousands of Eastern European meat processing and agricultural workers toil in Germany under intolerable conditions.

#### Fences, Walls, Barbed Wire – Life in the West Bank

The West Bank: Chaya Tal is one of 430,000 Jewish settlers living among 2.7 million Palestinians. The young German is aware that her presence alone is a provocation for many Palestinians. But that does not deter her.

#### Back to School at 63 – One Man's Story

Gerhard Prange concealed the fact that he could not read or write for years. In Germany alone six million people are estimated to be in a similar position. But now he wants to change all that.

#### Jörg Can Dance! On Stage with Down Syndrome

The dance company Szene Zwei brings together performers with and without disabilities. Jörg, a dancer with Down syndrome, is training with the company. He wants to be a professional dancer. The company sees his talent rather than any disability.

#### Overcoming COVID-19 and Far from Healthy

After testing positive, Sigrid Straub had a severe case of Covid-19, ended up in intensive care, required a tracheotomy and was put on a ventilator. She didn't think she would make it. The 48-year-old is traumatized by her near-death experience.

#### Soul of the City – Can Beirut's Cultural Scene be Saved?

The explosion in Beirut was a shock for Mary Cochrane, a member of Lebanon's most important aristocratic family. Sursok Palace, where the family lives, was severely damaged in the blast.

#### "Baikal is everything!" – Eighty Years on the Ice

For the last 80 years there's no place that Lyubov Morekhodova would rather be than on Lake Baikal in southern Siberia. The sprightly senior lives on the western shore of the world's largest freshwater lake.



#### SAMPLE EPISODES

##### **Fleeing Belarus – Opposition Leaders Find Refuge in Lithuania**

More and more people are fleeing Belarus and its authoritarian regime. Hundreds find refuge in neighboring EU member state Lithuania, where Natalia Kolegova has set up a network to provide assistance.

##### **Witnesses of the Shoah – Faces and Memories**

‘Lest We Forget’ is the title of a project by German photographer Luigi Toscano. Over several years, he made portraits of Holocaust survivors. It was a race against time that has pushed Toscano to his emotional limits over and over again.

##### **Interned and Persecuted – China’s Muslim Minority**

Beijing has been subjecting the ethnic Uighur minority in the region of Xinjiang to repressions for years. Now, it has grown into a form of cultural warfare that even affects Uighurs in exile. Human rights activists say China is committing genocide.

##### **Taiga Hero – Petrovich is Coming!**

Once a center of the timber industry, the Russian village of Soyga is now mostly home to the elderly. For many of the village residents, train driver Petrovich with his ramshackle narrow-gauge railway is a link to the outside world, and a kind of guardian angel.

##### **A Head for Heights – Istanbul’s only Woman Façade Cleaner**

35-year-old Nazli Yilmaz works as a façade-cleaner on high-rise office buildings in Turkey’s metropolis Istanbul. She’s broken through a glass ceiling to scale glass facades in what’s always been strictly a man’s world.

##### **Amen with a Difference – And an Online Blessing**

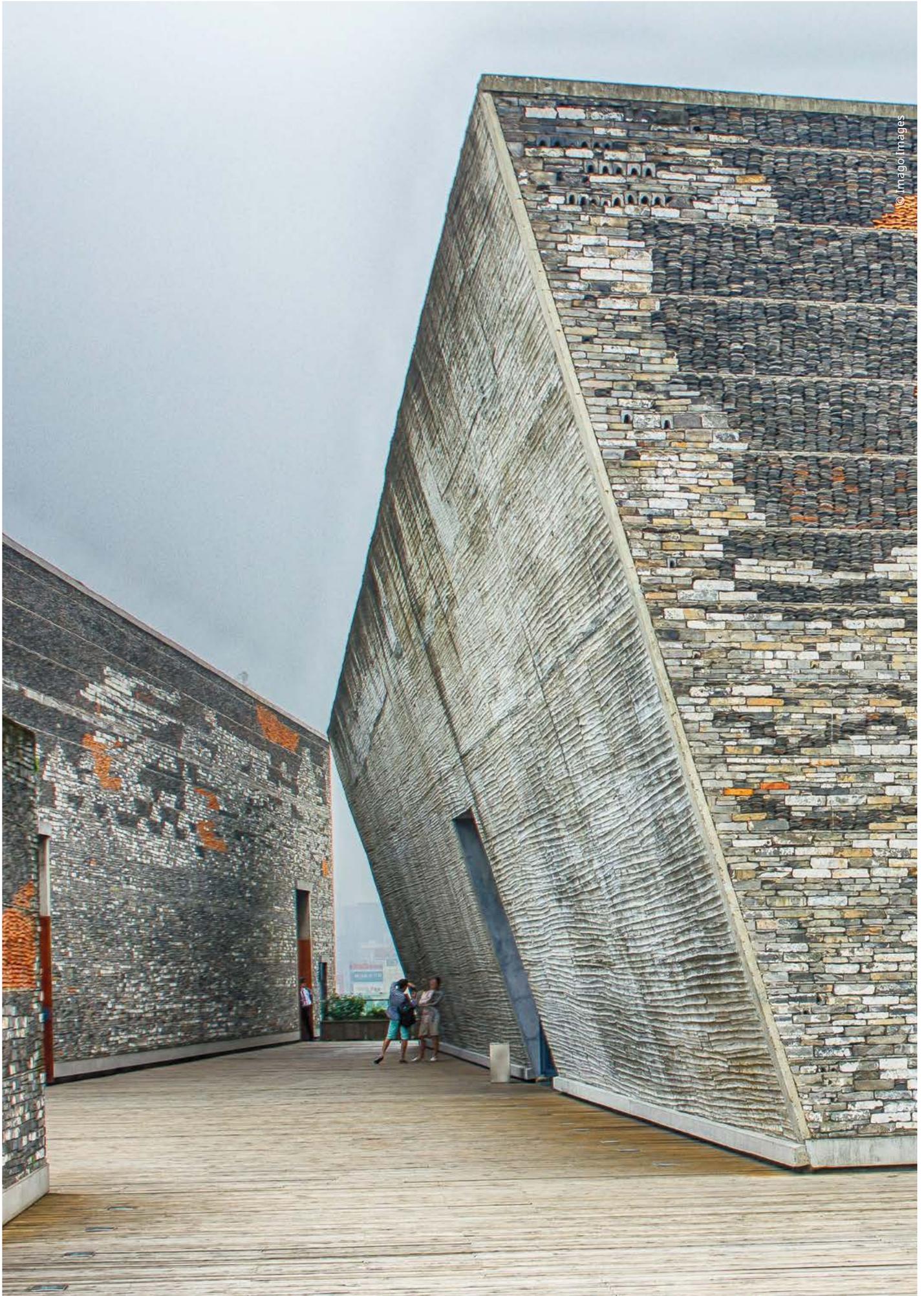
Pastors Ellen and Stefanie Radtke are married and lead a church congregation – besides running the YouTube channel “Anders Amen” (Amen with a Difference). They are a big hit online, but their bishop says it is not his thing.

##### **The Limits of Learning – Kids in Crisis**

Surveys show that the majority of German students feel hopeless, listless and even depressed as a result of the long lockdown. Homeschooling is overwhelming for many of them, and some families are struggling to cope. We visited students at home.

##### **Caring for Addicts – Drug Dependence in Afghanistan**

After a long period abroad, Laila Haidari came home to Afghanistan to find her brother addicted to drugs. He was living under a bridge with other addicts. Laila Haidari decided to take matters into her own hands.





## Wang Shu and Arno Brandhuber

### Innovation and Conservation

**384948**

**Documentary,**

**01 x 60 min.,**

2021, HD;

English, Spanish

Wang Shu is China's first ever winner of the renowned Pritzker Prize for Architecture. For many years, Arno Brandhuber has been stirring up the European architectural scene with his innovative approaches.

The two architects have a similar understanding of sustainability: the less that is newly produced and the more use that is made of existing materials, the better the eco-balance of a building. Both are vehement opponents of the current demolition mania.

In many of his structures, such as the Xiangshan Campus in Hangzhou, Wang Shu utilizes bricks from demolished villages. Some of those bricks are centuries old. Traditional craft techniques are practiced on his building sites. Wang Shu designs attractive and comfortable homes for the rural population as a way of stemming mass migration to cities.

Arno Brandhuber sees potential where others only see ruins. The architect prefers to work with structures that already exist, transforming them into attractive spaces for living and working through ingenious and imaginative design. His processes require minimum material to attain maximum flexibility and usability for the building's inhabitants. Wang Shu and Arno Brandhuber – two extraordinary architects fighting passionately for sustainability principles in architecture.





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## 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**

Documentary,  
13 x 30 min.,  
Arabic, English,  
Spanish

60 additional  
episodes available

**564704 090**

### Wang Shu – New Builds with a Historical Flavor

Wang Shu's buildings are a counterweight to the prevalent forms of architecture in China's urban construction boom. He salvages rubble from demolition sites to create new structures, such as the Xiangshan Campus in Hangzhou and the Ningbo History Museum. His approach translates traditional building methods and materials into contemporary architecture. In 2012, Wang Shu became the first architect in China to win the prestigious Pritzker Prize.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**564704 091**

### Dramatic Natural Backdrops – Building in the Swiss Alps

How to create innovative works of architecture while remaining respectful of traditions and the landscape? Great architects such as the Pritzker Prize winners Norman Foster and Peter Zumthor certainly know how. Zumthor built the Vals thermal baths out of local stone and set them directly into the hillside. The complex is a masterpiece of modern Alpine architecture.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**564704 092**

### Our Dream – A House with a Garden

A family commissioned a new house and a new garden such that the two are as one. They wanted the garden to reflect the strict geometry of the house and yet be a lovely place to relax and play – and the living areas indoors to be clearly structured but also warm and inviting. It was a challenging brief for the architects.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**564704 093**

### Dinner is Served – Creative Spatial Concepts for Restaurants

Anyone would be more than happy to enjoy a dinner in spaces like these – or a cocktail at the very least. In these bars and restaurants, architects and designers have managed – in exemplary fashion – to create an ambience of comfort, exclusivity and coolness. Wherever they are in the world, these venues are customized to the client and the location.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**564704 094**

### Building with Straw – For Natural Longevity

Natural materials are experiencing a boom in the construction industry. Take straw, for example. An eight-storey apartment building made of wood in eastern France is entirely insulated with bales of straw. They ensure excellent thermal and acoustic insulation – and a pleasant interior climate.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**564704 095**

### Danish Design – Ecological and Functional

The Danish capital Copenhagen is home to a large number of highly original and ecologically-sound buildings: For example, Green Lighthouse, which is Denmark's first carbon-neutral public building, and The Mountain residential complex. Danish architects are showing the world how building can be both environmentally friendly and unconventional.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**564704 096**

### Arno Brandhuber – The Appeal of the Abandoned

The architect Arno Brandhuber pushes the boundaries of the sustainability principle, preferring to work with existing buildings. His ingenious and imaginative designs transform even structures that at first appear unsalvageable into appealing spaces for working and living. When conceiving his prize-winning buildings, he pays particular attention to material minimalism and the social aspects of architecture and urban planning.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

564704 097

**Entirely Man-Made – A Hill for Copenhagen**

Amager Bakke in the Danish capital Copenhagen is probably the cleanest waste-to-energy plant in the world – and much more besides. It's possible to ski and hike on the roof, as well as climb on the façade. With his visionary project, Bjarke Ingels has managed to combine modern waste management with spectacular architecture and a public, urban recreational space.

**Documentary, 30 min.,** 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

564704 098

**With Courage and Endurance – Realizing a Life Dream**

For one young couple it's love at first sight when they first set eyes on an old tower on top of a listed building. They set out to develop the structure but are almost driven into bankruptcy by its ramshackle roof and rotten beams. The project turns out to be a test of their resilience, as it also is for seven families who embark upon a joint building venture. And for another ambitious pair who tease a light-flooded home out of a gloomy old barn.

**Documentary, 30 min.,** 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

564704 099

**Building for the Future – Reinventing Urban Spaces**

Global challenges such as dwindling resources, migration and overpopulation are piling the pressure on our coexistence. How can we ensure that cities don't become sterile and soulless places? How can sustainable building revolutionize the construction industry? Architects, urban planners and academics present their concepts blending architecture, innovative building materials and urban design.

**Documentary, 30 min.,** 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

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**Between City and Country – Side by Side with Nature**

Many residents of Munich view the lake-filled regions surrounding the Bavarian capital as the ideal setting for rural living. These areas are dotted with extraordinary structures: from a mini-house with just 30 square meters of living space to an 80-meter-long glass-wrapped concrete sculpture offering 280 square meters. What do these buildings have in common? A proximity to nature and the elements.

**Documentary, 30 min.,** 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

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**An Experiment – The Granite House**

It's an idea never before realized by either architects or craftsmen: a house built almost completely of granite. And the owner, himself the head of a granite plant, would have actually preferred a house made of wood. But then the architect unveiled a concept that blended simplicity and functionality. The builders responsible for assembling the prefab stone walls weighing several tons were astounded by the ingenuity of the design.

**Documentary, 30 min.,** 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

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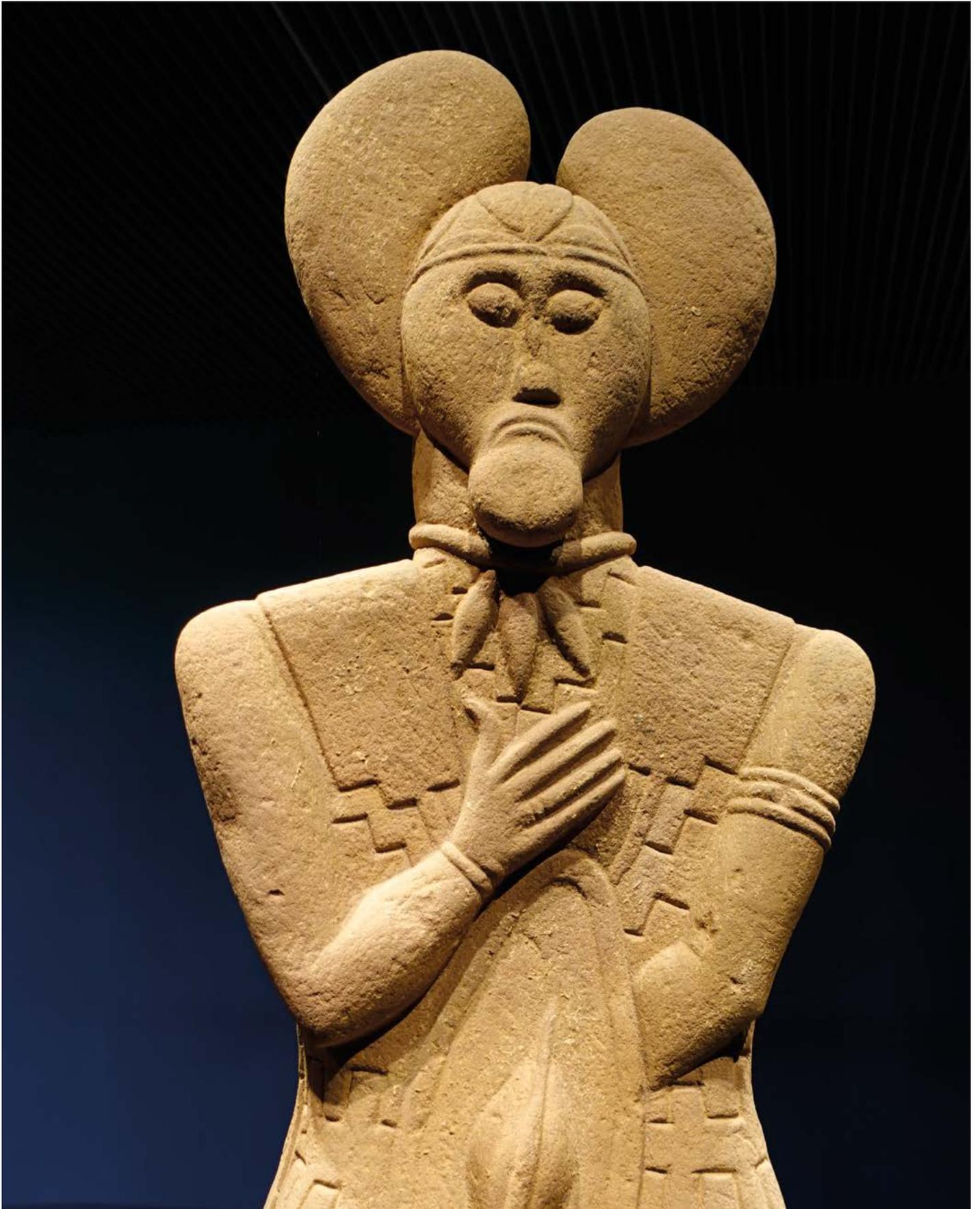
**Frank Lloyd Wright – Master of Organic Forms**

To this day, Frank Lloyd Wright is regarded as America's greatest ever architect. But few are aware of his Welsh roots, or how they informed his world-famous designs. The Welsh architect Jonathan Adams travels across the US in an exploration of Wright's masterpieces. These include the Guggenheim Museum in New York, the Fallingwater country house, which appears to hover above a waterfall, and Wright's home Taliesin, the location of his studio and the scene of a tragedy.

**Documentary, 30 min.,** 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish



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## Unlocking the Past

Wherever people live, they leave traces behind them. Some of these are temporary, others survive the test of time. What we know about the history of humanity we owe to such traces: impressive buildings; magnificent works of art, music and literature; great achievements in the fields of science and technology – but also everyday objects, transit routes, the remains of settlements or ritual sites. All over the world, scientists are investigating the often hidden traces of past eras and cultures. They preserve the remains of the past for the future, and explore the wide range of human activity over many millennia.

### 364763

Documentary,  
05 x 30 min.,  
Arabic, English,  
Spanish

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episodes available

### 364763 035

#### The Mystery of Ethiopia's Megaliths

Several thousand phallic stelae are distributed across a large area in southern Ethiopia. Some of them are up to eight meters tall and weigh several tonnes. The only thing researchers know for certain is that these monumental objects date from between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries AD. But who made them and put them there? What purpose did they serve? Archeologists are carrying out excavations at several sites in southern Ethiopia in a bid to solve the mystery.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021 HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

### 364763 036

#### The Treasure in a Celtic Tomb

An Iron Age Celtic prince was buried in Lavau in northern France two and a half thousand years ago. The discovery of his grave proved sensational because of the magnificent treasures buried with him. These included a chariot, gold jewelry and decorated banquet utensils. Some of the burial objects were of Greek and Etruscan origin, which means they must have been transported thousands of kilometers before being buried alongside the dead man. What do they tell us about the Celts' power structures, trading relations and funerary rituals?

Documentary, 30 min., 2021 HD; Arabic, English, Spanish



### 364763 037

#### Between Desert and Oasis: The Pre-Islamic Culture of Oman

The Rub' al Khali or "Empty Quarter" is the largest sand desert in the world. It's hard to imagine humans ever settling in such an inhospitable place. But around five thousand years ago in today's Oman, people lived in the desert's few oases. Who were they? How did they adapt to the increasing aridity? The archeological excavation of a monumental tower in Salut tells us a great deal about their water management system. And finds from the Mudhmar temple complex show that water was also a key element in pre-Islamic ritual practices.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021 HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

### 364763 038

#### Druids: The Celtic Priests of the Ice Age

The Druids were religious leaders and dignitaries who passed on their secret knowledge in purely oral form. This makes it difficult to study their beliefs and practices, allowing plenty of scope for myths about mistletoe, magic potions and human sacrifice. Archeologists began a thorough investigation of the Celtic priests' status, roles and actions just a few years ago. Their insights challenge the portrayal of the Druids in popular culture as bearded wise men in white robes cutting down mistletoe with a golden sickle. Archeological finds in Europe paint a different picture and even suggest that Druids weren't just men.

Documentary, 30 min., 2021 HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

### 364763 039

#### Neanderthals – Our Distant Relatives

Neanderthals walked the Earth before homo sapiens, living on the vast ice-covered plains of the Eurasian continent. This archaic human subspecies withstood dramatic environmental flux for 300,000 years. The most recent archeological finds and paleontological studies show that Neanderthal populations survived because of their ability to adapt. How smart were the Neanderthals? Were they capable of structured thought? Did they have languages? How did they live, before eventually becoming extinct after intermingling with homo sapiens around 40,000 years ago?

Documentary, 30 min., 2021 HD; Arabic, English, Spanish



## Her

### Women in Asia

Meet women across South Asia who are breaking stereotypes and voicing their opinions loud and clear. Get ready for HER - great stories about education, health, depression, dating, beauty and marriage filled with twists, turns, highs and lows.

In recent years, the position of women in south and southeast Asian societies has been strengthened – in conjunction with economic developments. Reforms of basic rights and legal systems, demographic changes and more dynamic civil societies have made this transformation possible. But despite all the progress, enormous challenges still lie ahead in various parts of Asia, especially concerning gender equality. HER shines a light on the lives of women from India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Malaysia and Taiwan. Each episode focuses on one topic featuring three women from different countries and backgrounds. The topics are as universal as they are controversial.

**544944**

Report,

06 x 16 min.,

2021, HD;

Subtitled in

Bahasa Indonesia,

English, Spanish,

Thai, Vietnamese

**544944 001**

#### Finding Mr. Right

Dating is only a recent phenomenon in countries like India, but now dating apps are flourishing there. What role does the generation gap play in countries such as Indonesia or Taiwan? Are traditional and modern lifestyles compatible? In this episode of HER, three women share their experience of online dating.

**544944 002**

#### Stepping Up

Many women across Asia still lack access to basic education, and even educated women often face significant obstacles at work and in their daily lives. How can women secure a decent income? How can they succeed in male-dominated professions? Are careers compatible with family life? Three women tell us their stories.

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#### The Meaning of Marriage

Marriage was once seen as a social and economic necessity. The equation that marriage makes us happy and divorce is a failure still prevails in many societies. But should women still aspire to marry? In this episode of HER, we explore the different ways women navigate the topic of marriage. What does it mean to them? Why do they decide to get married or not? And is marriage really the key to happiness?

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#### My Own Kind of Beauty

From beauty contests to cosmetic surgery, magazines and TV shows: The obsession with women's beauty is ubiquitous. Images of ideal beauty surround us daily. But what does it actually mean to be "beautiful"? And who sets the standards? HER shows three very personal and very different approaches to what makes a woman beautiful.

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#### Out of the Void

In many Asian countries, issues such as mental health and addiction are often swept under the carpet. For those in crisis, this can make it especially hard to address the problem. In this episode of HER, three women look back at difficult periods in their lives. They share their stories and reflect on how they made it out of the void that surrounded them.

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#### Body and Mind

Often, they're looking after their families, running households and holding down jobs – all at the same time. That's why many women forget that they also need to take care of their own health and wellbeing. Asia is the home of traditions dating back thousands of years, such as yoga or traditional Chinese medicine. In this edition of HER, three women share their path to happiness through health and nutrition.







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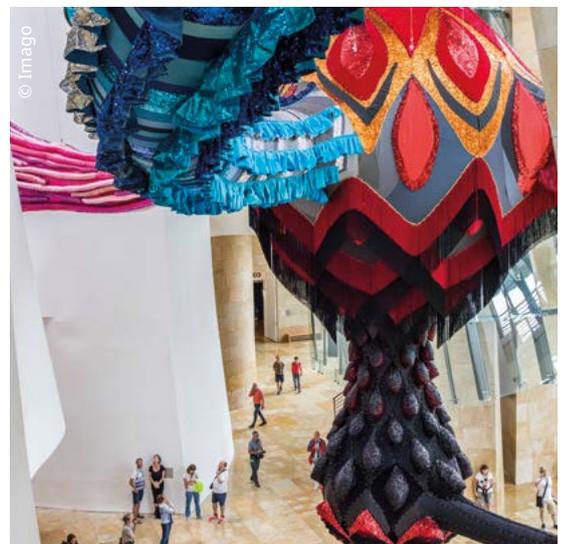
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### Matteo Cibic's Eccentric Designs

The Italian designer Matteo Cibic creates objects that aren't essential, but which are nonetheless touching. With his sharp ideas, he has transformed Vicenza's Michelin starred restaurant "El Coq" into a fantasy world.

### The Tailor of Princesses and Queens

Edouard Vermeulen is one of the most famous fashion designers in Belgium. His creations are synonymous with tasteful exclusivity. For more than 30 years he has been considered the tailor of European nobility.

### The Fabulous World of Bruno Weber

Bruno Weber's property is a fantasy world brought to life! Fairy tale creatures and mythological figures populate the garden and the building. Surprises still abound on the grounds of the artist who died in 2011.

### Art with a Mission: Clare Celeste's Nature Collages

Berlin-based artist Clare Celeste creates paper image installations of nature. She wants to present the beauty of fauna and flora, as well as highlight mankind's threat to the environment.

## Euromaxx Design

Design is the process by which nearly all objects – from cars to paper clips, from clothing to chairs – acquire a certain form and function. But design involves more than just shaping and styling: good design is a complex process in which different and often contradictory requirements have to be met to ensure that objects function in the desired way. Design is only good when aesthetic, ergonomic and ecological aspects, durability, function and comfort harmonize and complement one another.

Euromaxx Design presents the most important and exciting creations on the European design scene. It portrays star designers, shows emerging trends and pays tribute to traditional design. The individual reports of our successful series Euromaxx Design introduce the latest creations from the automotive industry, from furniture designers, glassworks and material and jewelry studios and visit trade fairs, exhibitions and presentations.

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Magazine,  
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**SAMPLE EPISODE OF A 30 MINUTE VERSION**

### Goldbeater from Venice Continues Ancient Trade

Only a few businesses still produce thin sheets of gold. One of them is a shop in Venice run by Mario Menegazzo. There, gold bars are hammered so thin that they're almost transparent so they can be used in a host of products.

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56 x 03-05 min,  
2021, HD;  
Arabic, English

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### Need for Speed: Art from Old Motor Vehicles

German sculptor Stefan Rohrer loves cars and mopeds. His artwork, repurposed from old vehicles, bears titles such as "Whiplash". These embody the thrill of high speed, but also the devastation of resulting disasters.





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## Euromaxx à la Carte

We travel around Europe to trace the manifold roots of European cuisine and to show how Europe's culinary heritage is reworked and refined by the continent's top chefs. They give us an insight into their skills as they turn regional specialties into gourmet delights. For Euromaxx à la Carte they demonstrate European gastronomy at its finest in their award-winning restaurants.

It's all here – from new Scandinavian cuisine to hearty Bavarian dishes. For dessert, each program focuses on a special subject, such as the delicate craft of the chocolatier or top wines from France. Euromaxx à la Carte takes your taste buds on a European tour.

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Arabic, English

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**SAMPLE EPISODE 30 MINUTE VERSION**

### The Secret of Authentic Neapolitan Pizza

Pizza is eaten around the globe, but it is made differently in different places. So what makes an Italian pizza authentic?

### Dining in a Former Chapel in Antwerp

The Jane is a gourmet restaurant in the grand setting of a decommissioned chapel. The open kitchen is in the apse.

### Halloumi – A Specialty Cheese from Cyprus

Halloumi is a staple in Cypriot food and part of the island's cultural heritage. Gourmets around the world treasure this export hit, produced from sheep and goat milk. There are many ways to serve it.

### Winegrowing on Lanzarote

Wine harvesting in Lanzarote is exceptional. Instead of vineyards the vines grow in hollows. Heat and humidity are stored here. The earth is rich in minerals and organic farming is in trend.

### Berlin Lobster – From Pest to Delicacy

American crayfish are served in Berlin restaurants. The crustaceans were set free and have since greatly multiplied. Now they are offered as a regional delicacy.

### “Nolla” – The Zero-Waste Restaurant in Finland

“Nolla” is the first Finnish restaurant that composts all of its food scraps and leftovers. What's more: everything is made from recycled materials, including the furniture and dishes.





## Euromaxx on Vacation

Euromaxx on Vacation invites you to spend your vacation with us. Let us be your guide on a tour of the most beautiful destinations, glamorous locations and tranquil regions Europe has to offer. From Andorra to Zagreb – you will be enchanted by these diverse and fascinating places. Among the many exciting cities we explore are Venice, Granada and Berlin. We offer all kinds of information and insider tips about the places we visit. Euromaxx on Vacation is guaranteed to infect you with the travel bug.

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2021, HD;  
English

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**SAMPLE EPISODE OF A 30 MINUTE VERSION**

### **The Tabernas Desert**

Andalusia in southern Spain is home to the Tabernas Desert. It's the driest region in Europe and boasts a breathtaking natural landscape. And it's long been a favorite backdrop for western films.

### **A Perfect Day on the Lido in Venice**

The long sandy beaches on the Lido in Venice are loved by locals and tourists alike. Each year the island welcomes Hollywood stars who come for the Venice Film Festival.

### **Photographing Lavender in Provence**

Fields of lavender in bloom are beautiful. Tourists flock to southern France to relish their colorful glory and fragrance. Tours are offered to those who want to take photographs of the loveliest spots.

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24 x 03-05 min.,  
2021, HD;  
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### **Sleeping in a Store Front: Vienna's Graetzl Hotel**

If you delight in finding unusual accommodation, Vienna has just the thing for you. There, previous businesses have been transformed into hotel rooms. You could find yourself spending the night in a former tailor's or cobbler's shop.

### **Skijoring: Skiing Through Snow with Horses**

If you like both skiing and horses, then Skijoring is made for you. In this unique winter sport, a person on skis is pulled by a horse.

### **Dive in History – Underwater Tourism as a Future Trend**

Sightseeing under water is becoming increasingly popular. The new tourism concept is called Dive in history. Countries such as Italy and Greece are making their underwater archaeological treasures accessible to tourists.





## Global Snack

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10 x 02-04 min.,

2021, HD;

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Food can break down boundaries and connect people all over the globe. It also tells stories about the world's diverse cultures. An omnipresent phenomenon in our globalized world is fast food, or light bites on the go. When it comes to snacks, every region has its own specialties. The snack is a reliable barometer of a nation and its people.

Whether it's tapioca in Brazil, gyros in Greece, dal baati in India or alloco in Côte d'Ivoire, ... whether it's a mobile cookshop, a hawker's tray or a hotdog stand: Global Snack guides the hungry through the maze of light-bite possibilities, wherever you happen to be.

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**Bosnia and Herzegovina – Cevap**

**524856 070**

**Oxford, Britain – Fish and Chips**

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**Sulaymaniyah, Iraq – Shifta**

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**Colombia – Arepas de Huevo**

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**Uganda – Chapati**

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**The Philippines – Lugaw**

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**Iceland – Súpa í brauði**

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**Solomon Islands – Siskolo-Soup**

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**Colombia – Buñuelos**

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**Brazil – Guaraná**



## 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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Documentary,  
09 x 30 min.,  
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### Repaying the Desert – An Unusual Environmental Project

In their quest to get close to nature two German women have made two fourteen-day tours into the Sahara. It was a great experience, but at what cost to the environment? They were troubled afterward by the damage caused by flying from Germany and driving through the desert. Now they want to repay the Sahara. Together with 15 other desert enthusiasts they are planting a palm grove in Morocco.

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### Different, Amen – Evangelical Youtube Stars

Stefanie and Ellen Radtke are the Youtube stars of Germany's Lutheran Church. The two female pastors from Eime, in the state of Lower Saxony, are a same-sex couple. With their Youtube channel "Anders Amen," which roughly translates as "Different, amen," they've always been controversial ministers. Their aim is to reconcile LGBTQ people and the church.

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### Eco-Friendly Monks – Plankstetten's Green Abbey

Running a monastery these days includes having good business sense. Plankstetten Abbey, in Bavaria, has a community of only twelve brothers, but the monastery is thriving. St Benedict's motto was "Pray and Work." Between prayers, these Benedictine monks run a highly successful organic farm.

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### Open to Everybody

The Catholic Church of St Theodor and St Elisabeth in the western German city Cologne is located in a district known as a social flashpoint. The parish priest, Father Franz Meurer, views building community as his top priority. Not just in the Church but in daily life. He has established a second-hand clothing store, a furniture and bicycle warehouse and a food bank – all open to everybody.

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### The Artist Who Saves Churches

The artist Moritz Götze grew up in East Germany, in an atheistic environment. However, shortly after the collapse of communism in 1989 he helped turn a church ruin into a cultural center and conserved what was left of the historic building.

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### New Life in Old Walls – Village Churches Bearing Witness to History

Anyone driving through eastern Germany may be surprised by the number of old churches east of the River Elbe. Almost every small village has one. Many of them are fieldstone churches built more than 800 years ago.



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#### **New Light in old Walls – Windows for Tholey Abbey**

The small village of Tholey in southwestern Germany is home to the oldest monastery on German soil. Founded in the seventh century, the Abbey of St Maurice was plundered and badly damaged 1000 years later during the wars of the French Revolution, and only re-established in 1949. But local philanthropists have breathed new life into the old walls. The renovations carried out between 2008 and 2021 could make Tholey Abbey an international tourist destination. The highlight of the extensive works are the stained glass windows for the north and south aisles of the abbey church by Afghanistan-born artist Mahbuba Maqsoodi, who lives and works in Munich, and the three choir windows designed by Germany's most famous living artist, Gerhard Richter. The art establishment are calling this the most significant project of its kind on the continent of Europe.

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#### **The Quest for Utopia – Grassroots Democracy in Venezuela**

The Cecosesola Cooperative Federation grew out of a practical necessity. Some fifty years ago, when a co-op member died, the other members founded a funeral home. Cecosesola now comprises a federation of more than fifty cooperatives, mainly providing food and medical services to hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans. All 1,300 staff draw the same salary, and they reach their decisions by consensus without any hierarchical structure. The federation has no fewer than 23,000 active members in western Venezuela. They produce fruit and vegetables in their regions and run wholesale markets. In addition, they treat many hundreds of patients in their clinics and provide midwifery services.

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#### **Church in the Living Room – Hoodie Ousts Cassock**

Max Bode and Chris Schlicht had envisioned Christian ministry rather differently. These rookie pastors wanted to revamp the Lutheran liturgy: A sofa replacing the altar, a hoodie the cassock, and techno music the traditional organ-worship in the guise of a party. Corona put an end to their plans. But the two young ecclesiastical rebels from Bremerhaven rose to the challenge. With sensitivity and love they are transforming Church tradition in their town.





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## A Window on ...

Cities are more than just a concentration of houses and people. Great cities have a very special appeal – not just for their residents, but also for visitors from all over the world. It is a joy to explore their beautiful buildings and public spaces, museums, galleries, shops and restaurants. Cities are also places where people go to realize their dreams, to live and to work. A Window on ... takes a look at some of the most fascinating cities in the world – as seen through the eyes of people fortunate enough to live in them.

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### Singapore

Hypermodern, multicultural and a great place to live: southeast Asia's green city-state  
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### Venice

Italy's legendary lagoon city on the Adriatic: life with and on the water  
Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**564805 037**

### Sarajevo

Mosques, churches and synagogues: Bosnia and Herzegovina's diverse capital  
Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**564805 038**

### Porto

Bright facades and artistic ceramics: Portugal's colorful trade hub and port city on the Atlantic  
Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**564805 039**

### Ljubljana

The cultural and economic heart of Slovenia: Youthful, laid-back and creative  
Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

**564805 040**

### Algiers

From palaces to steep alleyways: Algeria's enigmatic capital  
Documentary, 30 min., 2021, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

