Highlights

September 2023

**DOCFILM**

**The Last Shelter**

A house at the gateway to the Sahara. It's the only place for migrants headed for Europe. But the building in the Malian city of Gao also offers sanctuary to those who've been forced to give up on their dream of reaching Europe and are on their way back home. It's a place where they can rest, get advice and be alerted to dangers. Like a fragile fortress, the house defies the desert that resounds with both dreams and nightmares. What do these people think and feel as they pass through this stark landscape? The documentary *The Last Shelter* seeks some answers.

Starting Fri 1 September 23:00

**DOCFILM**

**If You Kill, Call Me**

Their clients have names like El Chapo or La Reina del Pacifico. Their job: To represent the interests of drug lords. The focus of the documentary *If You Kill, Call Me* is the lawyers who work for drug cartels. The film sheds light on the clandestine world of these narco-lawyers. How do they use their legal expertise and connections to protect the interests of the cartels? What's their motivation? And what about their integrity? Lawyers in Mexico, Colombia and the US throw open a window on a ruthless reality.

Starting Fri 22 September 23:00

**REPORTAGE SERIES**

**Super Humans**

Unique, diverse, inclusive! In the reportage series *Super Humans (Einfach Mensch)*, people with disabilities and the socially disadvantaged tell their stories. In the episode “I see differently!” Saliya Kahawatte reports on his extraordinary life: Born in Freiberg, he went almost blind at the age of 15 years but concealed it from his friends and employer. Despite his disability, Kahawatte completes a head waiter apprenticeship and makes it to the top of his game, thanks to intensive training and reliance on his senses of smell and hearing.

Starting Tue 19 September 21:15

**DOCFILM**

**So Long, Superstores?**

Big supermarket chains have dominated the global food market for decades. But their business model is starting to look a little outdated: The bitter price war between retailers and the growing influence of digital mega concerns such as Amazon and Alibaba are plunging the sector into crisis. The documentary film *So Long, Superstores?* takes a look behind the scenes of the hard-nosed corporate battle and shows what future shopping might look like.

Starting Tue 5 September 23:00

All broadcasting times refer to the German-language editions of the programs.
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**The Invisible River**

It’s an extraordinary phenomenon: The cloud masses above the Amazon rainforest contain more water than the Amazon itself. When these “flying rivers” hit the Andes, they’re pushed south and rain down on the cities of South America. For more than 20 years, scientists have been trying to gain a better understanding of this system of water cycles in the atmosphere. A large-scale study from the Amazon to Siberia is investigating the rainforest’s role in climate regulation – and the findings are astonishing. Find out more in the documentary *The Invisible River that Flows through the Sky*.

Starting Wed 20 September 23:00

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**Deadly Emissions**

All around the world, research teams are registering increasingly high concentrations of methane in the Earth's atmosphere. The climate killer is responsible for around 25 percent of the global temperature rise. But where is the gas coming from in the first place? Is methane escaping from cities' natural gas networks? From pipelines? Or in the extraction of oil and gas? The documentary *Deadly Emissions* observes the methane detectives at work – scientists trying to track leaks.

Starting Sun 24 September 23:00

**DOC FILM**

**Blackout in Germany?**

The energy transition – one of the biggest challenges facing society and politics in Germany today. Germany wants green power from solar, wind, biomass and hydroelectric generation to account for 80 percent of its energy mix in just a few years. Is this realistic? Or could the country one day be facing a large-scale power blackout? And do political decision-makers have a plan to avert such a threat? Questions explored in the documentary *Blackout in Germany – Horror Scenario or Genuine Possibility?*.

Starting Sun 3 September 23:00

**GLOBAL US**

**Globalization – What Is It Today?**

Globalization is a controversial idea. On the one hand, it has pulled millions of people out of poverty. On the other, it’s used by some wealthy people as a way to exploit the poor. Globalization can build bridges and promote peace. But it also foments populism, accelerates global warming and creates pandemics. So what does globalization mean today? Are we facing the end of globalization as we know it? And if that’s the case, which globalization is coming to an end? And what does the future hold? *Global Us* goes in search of some answers.

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