

## Slavic and Eastern European Studies in Video

An interdisciplinary video collection about the cultures, histories, languages, and societies of the Slavic and East European region.

**Slavic and Eastern European Studies in Video** is a curated selection of videos offering researchers and students a deeper understanding of both historical and current cultural and political developments in Eastern Europe. This resource explores an array of topics including:

- **Contemporary Issues:** Gripping videos on the current events, trends, and challenges facing the region, including the Russo-Ukrainian War.
- **Cultural Heritage**: Compelling films on the cultural practices, traditions, and societal structures, including folklore, religion, art, and architecture from the region.
- **Political Transition:** Explore documentaries highlighting the challenges and opportunities associated with the collapse of communism in the late 20th century, post-communist transformations, democratization, and the integration of Eastern European countries into the European Union.
- **Historical Significance:** Delve into Eastern Europe's crucial role in shaping European history, exploring various historical events, such as the Byzantine Empire, Ottoman rule, the Eastern Bloc during the Cold War, and the dissolution of Yugoslavia. Gain insights into the geopolitical dynamics of the region and its impact on the broader world.
- **Minority and Ethnic Studies**: Explore issues related to multiculturalism, ethnic relations, and the challenges faced by minority communities in Eastern Europe.

**Supports Studies in:** Anthropology, Area Studies, Cultural Studies, Criminology, Development Studies, Economics, Gender Studies, Geography, Globalization Studies, History, Human Rights, International Relations, Migration Studies, Political Science, and Sociology.

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## **Content Highlights:**

- · Life Under Siege (Mediacorp, 2022): As the war in Ukraine upends lives, ordinary people step into extraordinary roles. A CEO takes on the dangerous mission of driving aid into a city that's bombed every day. A Kyiv resident figures out how to keep frontline defenders fed in wartime conditions. A Polish architect crosses into the war zone to rescue stranded civilians. These are their stories of navigating *Life* Under Siege.
- Ukrainian Women (Diafilms, 2023): What is war and how does it break into the lives of ordinary people? In March 2022, the world watched thousands of women and children flee from bombs and sirens, as thousands of mothers saved their children. Ukrainian women is a story about four women who were forced to leave Ukraine.
- · Women's World (B-plus films, 2020) Gain insight into the Bulgarian women's movement and the remarkable story of Dimitrana Ivanova, a leading figure in the movement, with this thought-provoking documentary.
- · The March of Letters (B-plus films, 2015): Discover the journey of the creators of the Slavic alphabet, the brothers Cyril and Methodius. Explore how Slavic countries continue to exploit and be inspired by the Cyril-Methodius idea in their search for national identity.
- The Red Heritage (Windrose SAS, 2019): Explore the relationship of contemporary artists and the arts of the communist era in Germany, Russia, Lithuania and Bulgaria. This documentary series sheds light on an ambivalence towards a past that remains omnipresent yet often taboo.
- The Stone Speakers (Syndicado Film Sales, 2018): Present-day Bosnia-Herzegovina is a country still reeling from the civil war in the early 90s. Explore how towns, still coping with the aftermath, have transformed into unique tourist destinations that blending history, religion, politics and folklore.
- Return to Epipo (Syndicado Film Sales, 2020): In the late 1980s, many Hungarian youngsters dreamed of a holiday at a unique summer camp filled with role-playing and magic. Director Judit Oláh reunites with her former companions in an attempt to understand how the charismatic leader of Epipno cast a spell on them. Behind the innocent games, abuse was concealed, and this documentary reveals how Epipo's world still impacts them today.

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## Filmmakers:

Our collection features films by a diverse group of filmmakers from Eastern Europe, each offering rare perspectives on Slavic and Eastern European cultures, histories, and societies. Ralitza Dimitrova and Plamen Gerasimov provide insightful coverage of Bulgarian social issues, history, and traditions. Liliana Grzybowsk and Aljona Surzhikova investigate the current war in Ukraine. Hannu Vilpponen explores the social and political issues that engulfed Poland in the 1970's. Other filmmakers include:

- · Dana Budisavljević
- · Sergei Miroshnichenko
- Penko Rusev
- · Cordula Echterhoff
- Dimitar Mitov



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