

The second session of the Ex Oriente Film workshop to take place during DOK Leipzig 2023

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The second session of the Ex Oriente Film workshop, an esteemed project-based training programme from the Institute of Documentary Film (IDF), will take place for the first time in Germany, in collaboration with DOK Leipzig on 6 - 11 October 2023.

Director of DOK Industry at DOK Leipzig Nadja Tennstedt has expressed enthusiasm for the cooperation with the IDF and commended the quality of projects selected for Ex Oriente: "The Institute of Documentary Film has been a wonderful and trusted partner of DOK Industry for many years. We are continuously impressed by the high quality of projects selected for Ex Oriente. So, it brings us great joy to welcome the talented creative teams of documentary feature films and documentary series along with the knowledgeable and inspiring professionals who will be guiding and mentoring these teams."

This year, a total of 12 creative documentary feature-length films and, for the first time, five documentary series projects are participating in intensive sessions, working closely with a panel of international experts and tutors. Among the tutors of the second session are VP and Executive Producer of Documentaries for HBO Europe Hanka Kastelicová, sales agent Manuela Buono (Slingshot Films), producer Erik Winker (CORSO Film) and documentary film editor and story consultant Yael Bitton. Please find the full list of tutors of the second session here.

During the second session, participating directors will further hone the visual style and narrative of their documentary feature films and series, while producers will develop a detailed financing strategy, dive into various aspects of international co-production and receive valuable guidance in navigating the landscape of European broadcasters. The director-producer teams will also start preparing for the workshop's final session and gain insights into pitching and marketing.

As a three-module creative lab, the Ex Oriente Film workshop offers a comprehensive support for creative documentary projects in development and early production from Central and Eastern Europe. The third and final session of this year's workshop will be held during the East Doc Platform

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in Prague in March 2024, in partnership with the One World International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival.

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Please find the full list of projects participating in the 2023 Ex Oriente Film workshop on our website: [Press release](#)

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The 66th edition of DOK Leipzig will take place on site from 8 to 15 October, 2023. You can apply for press accreditation via [this form](#).

Logos, festival impressions, and portraits of the programme directors can be found here: [Press Download](#)

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