

# A TUNNEL

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## SYNOPSIS

An old railway platform in a remote valley of Georgia suddenly becomes a site for a big change, when hundreds of Chinese settle around it to build the New Silk Road.

A scarcely populated mountainous gorge is a mysterious place. Protected by mountains and forest all around, it looks like being frozen in time: old railway platform, wooden houses, wild nature. Old local train rattles around twice a day – the only mean of communication for most of the villagers. But when echoes of explosions reach the village, it becomes obvious that things are going to change here for good. A big black hole appears in the mountain as a sign that newcomers have arrived. Hundreds of Chinese settle in a remote Georgian village to build a modernized railway that will link China and Europe.

An extraordinary closeness, a sense for the visual atmosphere ... a film that says a lot about our current period of geopolitical tensions, contested identities and a globalized world of work and capital. Dramatic but...

## FESTIVALS

Development & Forums: IDFA Forum, Dok Leipzig Co-pro Market, EFM Berlinale, Edinburgh Pitch, Esodoc, EurasiaDoc, CineDoc/PitchDoc, Hong Kong - Asia Film Financing Forum (HAF)

2019

IDFA Competition for First Appearance – world premiere  
Bridges - East of West Film Days

2020

Best Feature-Length Documentary - DokuBaku IDFF

Young Onion Award - Makedocs

Best Movie Grand Prix - Trento Film Festival

35 DOK.fest Munich – DOK.horizonte

37 Kassel Dokfest

## CAST AND CREW

Georgia, Germany 2019

90 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs,  
Ecology/Environment, Economy,  
Politics

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Georgian, Chinese

### PREMIERE

Amsterdam, Netherlands (2019)

### COPRODUCTION COMPANY

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#### PRODUCTION

Artefact Production

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#### WORLD SALES

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<https://www.catndocs.com>

<https://www.catndocs.com/in...>

#### TRAILER

<https://youtu.be/ZoV09hSX1e...>

<https://vimeo.com/377521961>