

POLITICS ARE PERSONAL

by Indira Geisel



SYNOPSIS

As right-wing support grows in Europe, the German center-left politician Thomas Geisel fights to keep himself and his leftist-liberal party from sliding into irrelevance. Searching for politics that make sense to him, the former mayor of Düsseldorf joins a new left-wing populist party that wants to win back the working class. To his 93-year-old father, a lifelong social democrat, this is a betrayal. In this first-person documentary his daughter follows the campaign and family. Just a cockfight of established men? Or a search for where one belongs when the world changes?

Director's Comment:

In Politics are Personal, I try to show how our political lives play out in our private spaces and personal dreams. My aim – in form as much as in content – is radical honesty and openness, which I believe could do our stagnant political culture a great deal of good. I want to tell the story of how I experience politics within my family: as identity and second nature, as a profession you can't...

FESTIVALS

DOK.fest Munich Competition DOK.deutsch 2026

National Premiere

DOK.talent Award 2024 (DOK.forum Munich)

Winner

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Indira Geisel

Germany 2026

104 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Conflicts, Current Affairs, Drama, Family, Politics, POV, Social issues

CONTENT CATEGORIES

Author's film, Docudrama

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German, English

PREMIERE

Munich, (2026)

PRODUCTION COMPANY

[Sommer Slatter Film](#)

LINKS / REFERENCE

<https://sommer-slatter.com/...>