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## **Introduction - Director's Statement**

When I first set foot on the British islands for my student exchange semester in 2004, I immediately sensed that there was something strange going on. As they say, from a stranger's perspective, one sees a country with very different eyes than its inhabitants do. People who live at a certain place or country for a long enough time tend to become blinded for many things due to the routine they develop – everything becomes *usual* to them. That was obviously the case with the massive amount of video surveillance cameras that are all over Britain. The British don't seem to care, they don't even seem to see them at all. However, we – a team of film students from Austria and Spain – immediately noticed the strange fact, and we asked ourselves: Why so many? They must be incredibly effective in whatever they are doing, since there are so many of them around. Or are there other reasons for their massive proliferation? Why doesn't every country use them in case they are as effective in fighting crime as their omnipresence suggests?

As a consequence and in order to satisfy our interests, we decided to produce a documentary on the subject. In the course of the production we encountered that there was so much more to the topic that we were able to cover in the short amount of time that we had available. Nevertheless, we did manage to do a series of very interesting interviews with people that were the top experts in their fields – for instance, the surveillance researcher Clive Norris or the manager of a public British CCTV scheme. Consequently, we managed to make a decent documentary short, but I always felt it just wasn't enough. There was just so much more to the topic that I deemed worth covering in the film.

During the following year, there were several incidents which reminded me of the importance of this documentary project: In early 2005, the Austrian government started installing public video surveillance cameras at particular "potential high-crime areas" all over the country for the first time. Several months later, the bomb terror attacks on the London Transport System occurred. Despite the fact that the fatal attacks on the fully video-surveillance-covered London Underground weren't prevented with the help of CCTV monitors that are monitored around the clock, a further massive expansion of their video surveillance schemes was initialised.

It was this moment when I decided to definitely take on the project again as soon as possible. That moment had come when I had to decide on what to produce for my master graduation project. After months of research, I went back to Britain with a new team. We did a range of new interviews and shot lots of new background material on the topic.

This project would not have been possible with the support and professionalism of many people, all of which are included at the end of the credits roll. However, I have to thank my camerawoman Sigrid Nagele in particular, because she was there to support me when nobody else seemed to have the time. Furthermore, our tutor in Britain, Jenny Morgan, did far more than was expected of her, and her initiative was the final ignition spark that made me finish the project. Thank you all!

Nino Leitner

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# **Synopsis**

With an estimated four million surveillance cameras, Britain is by far the most-watched nation on earth. How could this come about in George Orwell's mother country? Why haven't other nations copied the schemes if they really are as successful as the Home Office and the police are saying? Is there a real effect in crime reduction or has CCTV only been introduced for the people's 'peace of mind'? Are there any vested interests in the proliferation of CCTV?

Trying to answer questions like these, Nino Leitner's documentary "EVERY STEP YOU TAKE" digs deep into an entirely British phenomenon: nation-wide video surveillance. It features formal interviews with police chiefs, CCTV managers as well as experts in the fields of surveillance research and data protection. Investigative research uncovers secrets that should make every responsible European worry ...

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# Previous festivals list

- Diagonale 07 Festival of Austrian Film (Graz / Austria, March 2007)
- Libertas Film Festival (Dubrovnik / Croatia, June 2007)
- 27th Cambridge Film Festival (Cambridge / UK, July 2007)
- Portobello Film Festival (London / UK, August 2007)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Osnabrück Film Festival (Osnabrück / Germany, October 2007)
- 31st Mostra São Paulo International Film Festival (São Paulo / Brazil, October 2007)
- WT Os International Film Festival 2007 (Os / Norway, November 2007)
- film:riss 07 Austrian Student Film Festival (Salzburg / Austria, November 2007)
- Tiburon International Film Festival 2008 (Tiburon/CA / USA, March 2008)
- 31. Grenzland-Filmtage Selb (Selb / Germany, May 2008)

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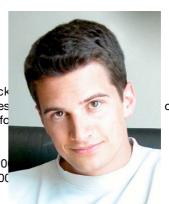
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#### **Biofilmography**

Nino Leitner is a film director, director of photography and artist born in Innsbruck master studies of MultiMediaArt in Salzburg in 2006 with merit and spent a semes Solent University in Southampton, UK. He currently lives in Vienna (Austria) and fc documentary co-productions as well as commercial work.

Among his major works are the documentary "Every Step You Take" (A/E/UK 20 "Auszeit" (A 2006) and music videos like "Hotchpotch - Kualala Lumpur" (A 200 successful at film festivals and/or have received awards.



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#### **RECENT AWARDS:**

- SHORTS ON SCREEN 07 (category Tirol) ORF (Austrian public television) short film contest for "Auszeit"
- MUVI Award 2006 "BEST MUSIC VIDEO" (by "cultural laboratory" Stromboli) for "Hotchpotch Kualala Lumpur"

#### **RECENT NOMINATIONS:**

- Ursula Blickle Video Prize 2007 (Austria) for "Gastarbajteri Nazaj Doma" (co-directors: Natasa Siencnik and Stefan Kreuzer)
- Friedensfilmpreis at 22- Unabhängiges FilmFest Osnabrück (Germany) for "Every Step You Take"
- Best Documentary at WT Os International Film Festival 2007 (Norway) for "Every Step You Take"
- Audience Award Finalist at Diagonale 07 Festival of Austrian Film (Austria) for "Every Step You Take"

#### **FESTIVAL SCREENINGS:**

## **EVERY STEP YOU TAKE**

- 31 Grenzland-Filmtage Selb (Germany), May 2008
- Tiburon International Film Festival (Tiburon, CA, USA), March 2008
- film:riss 07 (Salzburg, Austria), November 2007
- WT Os International Film Festival (Norway), November 2007
- 31- São Paulo International Film Festival (31- Mostra Internacional de cinema, Brazil), October 2007
- 22nd Independent FilmFest Osnabrück (Unabhängiges FilmFest Osnabrück), October 18, 2007
- Portobello Film Festival (London, UK), August 5, 2007
- Cambridge Film Festival (UK), July 12, 2007
- Libertas Film Festival (Dubrovnik, Croatia), 29 June 4 July 2007
- DIAGONALE 07 (Graz, Austria), 19th-25th March 2007 WORLD PREMIERE

#### GASTARBAJTERI NAZAJ DOMA

• Diagonale 08 (Graz, Austria), 1st-6th April 2008 - WORLD PREMIERE

#### TV BROADCASTS and CINEMA SCREENINGS (selection):

- EVERY STEP YOU TAKE regular screenings in Viennese cinema Schikaneder in June and August 2007
- TV report and interview with Nino Leitner about EVERY STEP YOU TAKE on ORF2 Tirol on April 3, 2007 7:00 pm (19:00): "Tirol Heute"
- TV report about EVERY STEP YOU TAKE on German/Austrian/Swiss public TV channel 3Sat on March 13, 2007 10:25 pm (22:25): "Neues vom österreichischen Film"
- AUSZEIT on ORF1 (Austrian public television), Thursday March 22nd 2007 at 10:55 pm (22:55): "shorts & skirts die lange nacht des kurzen films"

All newspaper reports as well as all the other media coverage regarding "Every Step You Take" are available at <a href="https://www.EveryStepYouTake.org">www.EveryStepYouTake.org</a> or on request via <a href="mailto:press@EveryStepYouTake.org">press@EveryStepYouTake.org</a>.

# Filmography - Nino Leitner (director - selection)

- "Gastarbajteri nazaj doma" (documentary, AUT/SLO 2008, DV, 20 min.)
- "Every Step You Take" (documentary, AUT/ES 2007, DV, ca. 65 min.)
- · test commercials

for "Hutchinson -3" (3 x ca. 0,5 min.), "Power Horse" (2 x ca. 0,5 min.), Fidus Bifidus (1 x ca. 0,5 min.), (AUT 2006, DV, assignment by agency Vorauer&friends)

 "Time-Out / Auszeit" (as part of the 36 hour short film challenge Instant36 in Salzburg / Austria)

(short film, AUT 2006, DV, ca. 5:30 min.)

- "The Postman in the Embassy / Der Postler in der Botschaft" (short film, AUT 2005, DV, ca. 10 min.)
- "Hotchpotch Kualala Lumpur"
   (music video, AUT 2005, DV, ca. 5 min.)
- "Artist Lesson / Künstler-Lektion" (typography animation, AUT 2004, DV, ca. 2 min.)
- "Constricted Sight" (short film, AUT 2004, DV, ca. 2 min.)
- "Urban Ego Mrs. Brainshaker" (music video, AUT 2004, DV, ca. 4 min.)
- "Mind the Bag" (short film, AUT/UK 2004, DV, ca. 6:30 min.)
- "Living in a bunker / Leben im Bunker" (short film, AUT 2003, DV, ca. 6:30)
- "Panta" (short film, AUT 2003, DV, ca. 6 min.)
- "Merry Christmas? / Wo du fröhliche?" (short film, AUT 2002, DV, ca. 3 min.)

# Interviews in "Every Step You Take"

For the film, interviews with the following people have been conducted:

- Professor <u>Clive Norris</u> (University of Sheffield, Department of Sociological Studies, Deputy Director of the Centre for Criminological Research, author of "The Maximum Surveillance Society" as well as many other scientific works on CCTV)
- Barry Hugill (spokesman for Liberty, Britain's largest civil rights organisation)
- Andy Trotter (Deputy Chief Constable, British Transport Police) Professor
- <u>Lars Mosesson</u> (Solent University, Southampton, Law Institute)
- Mark Smith (Public CCTV Manager, <u>Southampton City Council</u>)
- Dr. <u>Hans Zeger</u> (Austria's leading data protection officer)
- Robert Rotfier (Austrian journalist and musician, living in the UK since 1997)
- Paul Smith (Chairman of the the <u>SafeSpeed Campaign</u>)
- James Morris (CEO of Shoreditch <u>Digital Bridge</u>, offers residents of the London Borough of Hackney access to public CCTV cameras in the area via their TVs)
- Robert Gifford (Executive Director of the UK's <u>Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety, PACTS</u>)
- Professor Dr. <u>Clive Bloom</u> (Emeritus Professor of English and American Studies, Adjunct Professor, University of Notre Dame (London), author of "Violent London" and other best-selling books)

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# **Cast & Crew List / Full Credits**

# INTERVIEWEES IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

Professor Clive Norris University of Sheffiield

Barry Hugill Liberty Civil Rights Group

Andy Trotter British Transport Police

Professor Clive Bloom Middlesex University

Dr. Lars Mosesson Solent University

Mark Smith
Southampton CCTV Manager

Dr. Hans Zeger ARGE Daten

Robert Rotifer Musician / Journalist

Paul Smith Safe Speed Campaign

Mike Beeman Student

James Morris Shoreditch Digital Bridge

Noreen Leigh Shopkeeper in Southampton

Robert Gifford
Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety

PERFORMERS
IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

#### **BIG BROTHER INTRO SEQUENCE**

Girl with teddy: Dorothea Koniszewski

Jade: Katharina Dietl

#### MOCK CCTV SURVEILLANCE IN BRITAIN

Guy on street: Gregor Grkinic

Girl in park: Naiara Martinez de Marigorta

#### MOCK CCTV SURVEILLANCE IN AUSTRIA

Chewing gum receiver: Gregor Grkinic Chewing gum donator: Ivica Putnik Girl in the window: Lucie Jager

#### **CCTV FOOTAGE REQUEST SOUTHAMPTON**

Caller: Javier Garcia Garaizar

Test person under surveillance: Gregor Grkinic

#### ADDITIONAL COPYRIGHTED FOOTAGE

World Trade Center Terror Attack BBC

London Bomb Attack Tube Wreckages ABC Online

Digital Bridge Demo Shoreditch Trust

Capture Omniscape 360 CCTV Demo Fairfax Electronics

Facial recognition and ANPR software demos Intelligent Security Systems, Inc.

Facial recognition software and camera demo Old Dominion University – Vision Lab

Behaviour Recognition CCTV Demos Eptascape, Inc. & General Electric

#### 2004/05 PRODUCTION CREW

#### **DIRECTOR**

Nino Leitner

# **EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS**

Naiara Martinez de Marigorta Javier Garcia Garaizar

#### RESEARCH

Naiara Martinez de Marigorta Javier Garcia Garaizar Nino Leitner Gregor Grkinic Toni Mir Mari

#### **INTERVIEWERS**

Nino Leitner:

Barry Hugill, Clive Norris, Mike Beeman, Vox Pops Southampton

Naiara Martinez de Marigorta: Lars Mosesson, Mark Smith

Javier Garcìa Garaizar:

Noreen Leigh

Toni Mir Marì: Vox Pops London

Gregor Grkinic: Vox Pops Vienna

#### ACTION / BACKGROUND CAMERA

Nino Leitner Toni Mir Marì

#### **INTERVIEW CAMERA**

Gregor Grkinic:

Barry Hugill, Clive Norris

Nino Leitner:

Lars Mosesson, Mark Smith, Mike Beeman, Noreen Leigh

## SOUND

Gregor Grkinic

# 2006/07 PRODUCTION TEAM

Stuart Freeman

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER / DIRECTOR
Nino Leitner
INTERVIEWER
Nino Leitner: Clive Bloom, Robert Gifford, James Morris, Robert Rotifer, Paul Smith, Andy Trotter
ACTION / BACKGROUND CAMERA
Sigrid Nagele Nino Leitner
INTERVIEW CAMERA
Sigrid Nagele: Clive Bloom, Robert Gifford, James Morris, Robert Rotifer, Paul Smith, Andy Trotter
RESEARCH
Nino Leitner
PRODUCTION ASSISTANCE / SOUND
Andreas Tschabuschnig Martin Unterlechner
EDITOR / POST-PRODUCTION
Nino Leitner
COLOUR GRADING
Evamaria Schaller
SOUND MIXING
Martin Unterlechner
GERMAN TRANSLATION (DVD SUBTITLES)
Katharina Dietl
NARRATOR / LANGUAGE ADIVSOR

## **CORPORATE DESIGN**

marinas.at Sandra Bitschnau

**MUSIC** 

"SLEEPING NEVADA"

Composed by Manu Delago

Performed by DAMENSATTEL

Christoph 'Pepe' Auer BASS CLARINET

Manu Delago HANG

Lucas 'Lurz' Geiler BASS

Anda Tentschert FENDER RHODES

'SLEEPING NEVADA ELECTRONIC'

Composed & Produced by Manu Delago

Performed by

Manu Delago ELECTRONICS

Martin Ohrwalder TRUMPETS

"SLEEPING NEVADA ZRUL EDIT"

Produced and Performed by Lucas "Lurz" Geiler

# THE DIRECTOR WOULD LIKE TO THANK

In alphabetical order

All Interviewees

Sandra Bitschnau

Mike Baker

Manu Delago

Katharina Dietl

Stefan Fleig

FH Salzburg / MultiMediaArt

Stuart Freeman
Lucas 'Lurz' Geiler
Gregor Grkinic & the original crew
Lucie Jager
Sebastian Lafitte
Steven Lomenech
Michael Manfé
Marinas Werbegrafik
Ivica Putnik
Evamaria Schaller
Alexander Schönauer
Ilka Schulz
Solent University
Studiengang ITS/FHS
Andreas Tschabuschnig
Martin Unterlechner
and His parents, Marina and Walter Leitner
SPECIAL THANKS
Sigrid Nagele Jenny Morgan

## **CREATED AS PART OF THE DIPLOMA THESIS**

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advised by Dipl. AV Ilka Schulz Dr. Michael Manfé

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# technical details:

recording format:

DV PAL progressive, Digital Betacam

available screening formats:

Digital Betacam (PAL), BetaSP (PAL/NTSC), DVCAM (PAL), Mini-DV (PAL), DVD (PAL/NTSC); other screening formats on request

duration / film length (including credits):

65 min.

language:

English / German (with English subtitles)
German subtitled version optionally available (and selectable on DVD)

sound format:

Stereo (PCM)

production countries:

Austria

production year:

2007 (end of production)

aspect ratio:

1.78:1 letterbox