

VEB Film Leipzig

# **AUTOBAHN 38**

A film by Frank Fischer and Stefan Kluge

## **Synopsis**

Why do people visit places where other people were born, lived, fought, or died? What does it mean to be a tourist?

There was no time to waste on October 3rd, 2008, the 18th anniversary of the German reunification. This journey along the German autobahn A 38, from East to West, from Leipzig to Göttingen, could only take one day. 21 sleepless hours, to be precise.

This is not a movie. This is a wild 23-minutes crossover combining elements of documentary, mockumentary, travel clip, freestyle, different subcultures, YouTube chic, and a load of explicit or obscure allusions to German and Western culture.

Thus it follows a tangential structure. Most of the things are just mentioned or shown briefly, it is more like an index to actual contents. Among others, Gustav II Adolf, Nietzsche, Goethe, Cortázar, Pushkin, and infamous German field marshal von Hindenburg are referenced. There is also room for phantasmagoric approaches, like an excessive dialogue about the origin of ABC's hit series "Lost".

A visit to the world's biggest rose collection with more than 8,300 breeds represents history's vulgar romanticism. But also the battlegrounds of the great European wars are passed by, as are poets' and philosophers' birthplaces, and obscenely large national monuments. Wikipedia is quoted briefly to exemplify the triumph of in-situ knowledge; Creative Commons music by Revolution Void adds some style, not to forget the voice-over homage à Werner Herzog.

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**A38 Production Notes**

Length 23'05", Mini-DV

Aspect ratio 4:3

English / German with English subtitles

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Directed by Frank Fischer and Stefan Kluge

Script by Frank Fischer

Score by Revolution Void

**A38 Cast**

not Werner Herzog

Fellow One

Fellow Two

Stefan Kluge

Frank Fischer

Jonas Obleser

**A38 Resources**

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