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PRESS RELEASE

ADAMI SHOWCASE: Oleksandr Kolchenko and Hromadske TV at the DOK Leipzig Film Festival

The ADAMI Media Prize for Cultural Diversity in Eastern Europe has a Special Screening at the 62nd International Leipzig Festival for Documentary and Animation Film, where the Ukrainian documentary film *From Crimea to Siberia: How Russia is Tormenting Political Prisoners Sentsov and Kolchenko* (**ADAMI Special Mention prize 2018**) will be presented by the authors Anna Tsygma and Angelina Kariakina. The Hromadske TV-produced film documents the difficult journey of Ukrainian filmmaker Oleg Sentsov and activist Oleksandr Kolchenko, who were detained in Crimea during the 2014 annexation.

After the screening, special guest Oleksandr Kolchenko, who was just released from Russian prison on September 10, will join the discussion.

In cooperation with DOK Leipzig, three ADAMI Media Prize winning authors and film directors from Eastern Europe will present their films focused on Frozen Conflicts in their countries. ADAMI SHOWCASE allows filmmakers from Georgia and Ukraine to present their work to a broader international audience, and gives festival guests the opportunity to have a close and personal insight into these geopolitical issues.

ADAMI Showcase: Friday, November 1st, 20.00 at the Polish Institute in Leipzig
<https://www.dok-leipzig.de/festival/special-screenings>

The short documentary *The Tower* by Salome Jashi (**ADAMI Media Prize, News and Short Non-Fiction category 2018**) explores in 4 minutes the drama of people who have been evicted from their homeland after the Russo-Georgian war in 2008.

Young Georgian filmmaker Tako Robakidze (**ADAMI Online Prize for Web Video 2016**) will present her non-fiction *Creeping Borders*. She has documented the daily shifting reality for locals living near Georgia's occupied breakaway province of Tskhinvali (South Ossetia), and what it means to go to sleep in one's own country and wake up in occupied territory.

The **ADAMI Media Prize for Cultural Diversity in Eastern Europe** assists prize-winners and nominees to expose their work to broader audiences both at home and abroad. **ADAMI SHOWCASE** screenings at international film festivals and other high-profile events broaden the exposure of Eastern Partnership country directors and their films.

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