EthnoKino is a student-run film programme at University of Bern. We present a hand-picked selection from European ethnographic film festivals and invite filmmakers for Q&A. Tune in!

20. March
Bintou
Simone Catharina Gaul, Burkina Faso, 64 min
Ethnocineca (2016): Award for Excellence in VA
Bintou is the portrait of a young woman looking for her place between traditional and modern culture, between motherhood and career.

3. April
Swamp Dialogues
Ildikó Zonga Plájás, Romania, 53 min
Astra Film Festival (2016): Award for Best Student Film
While major efforts are made to protect biodiversity in the Romanian Danube Delta, the plight of local communities is largely overlooked.

24. April
Darcy Alexandra on Digital Storytelling
Engaging with poetry, creative non-fiction, moving and still image, Darcy facilitates participatory ethnographic research through the interweaving of inquiry and practice.

8. May
Experimental Shorts
Masa
Michal Pavlásek & Ivo Bystřičan, Greece, 2017, 32 min
Land of Udehe
Ivan Golovnev, Russia, 25 min
Strange Beasts
Kriston Jackson, The Great Britain, 18 min

1. June
„Swiss Talent“
A selection of Swiss short films and works of early-career ethnographers. Send us your film!

27. March
After Trujillo
J.D. Dubuc & Lisa Blackmore, Dominican Republic, 72 min
Convener: Martha-Cecilia Dietrich
After Trujillo tells the story of the violent dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo through the marks it left on the landscape and in people’s memories.

10. April
Five Lives
Jaroslava Pantíková, Russia, 65 min
Swiss Premiere
According to Yupik Eskimo, the dead can return to the realm of the living up to five times. This film-essay on life, death and possible return poses the universal question: How do you confront your own end?

1. May
Fest of Duty
Firouzeh Khosrovani, Iran, 60 min
IDFA (2014): Oxfam Global Justice Award
The film follows two adolescent cousins as they transition into adulthood eight years after their official Fest of Duty, a religious ceremony designed to instill Islamic beliefs and values in girls.

15. May
Dust
Deepak Tolange, Nepal, 61 min
Every year thousands of Nepalis and Indians migrate to work in brick factories in various parts of Nepal. Many of these laborers are children who drop out school, engage in hard labor and never return.

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