

Tilo Gummel

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Date of birth: 18.10.1977

Place of birth: Weimar, Germany

EDUCATION:

Masters in cinematography November 2009
Dortmund University of Applied Sciences
Germany

Studied journalism at Dortmund University
(5 years)

DIPLOMAS:

Editorial training with a major German public
television network ZDF/ 3SAT in Mainz,
Germany 2001/2
(1 year)

Editorial training and camera internship with
HMR Produktion in Cologne, Germany 2004
(6 months)

Editorial internship at German public
television MDR- TV in Erfurt, Germany 2000
(3 months)

Electronic News Gathering basic seminar at
the School of Broadcast Technique in
Nürnberg, Germany 1999

Colour Photography and Processing Course at
the British Army Joint School of Photography,
Hereford, GB 1997

MILITARY SERVICE:

German Army attachment to NATO's HQ
Multinational Division MND(C) as infantry
soldier, photographer and darkroom
technician. 1996-1998

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

Native German
Fluent in English (Cambridge Certificate in English)
Basics in French and Russian
Street Hindi
Currently learning MSA -Levantine Arabic

INTERESTS:

Licensed hangglider pilot
Rock climber
Diver

WORK EXPERIENCE

2024	Shot two feature documentaries in India for DW/WDR and ARTE
2022-2023	War reporting Ukraine as video journalist, six month in country
Since 2022	Freelance Videojournalist in Brussels, Belgium for the ARD studio
2017 - 2022	Freelance Journalist and Cameraman in the Middle East
2015 - 2017	App developer and Company director in India
2008 - 2016	Freelance Journalist and Cameraman in Asia
1999-2007	Freelance Camera assistant for a major public TV-channel WDR-TV
1998 - 1999	Camera assistant for German local public channel MDR-TV MCS GmbH in Erfurt
2004-2009	Self employed rope access technician

SELECTED CURRENT WORK FROM THE RUSSIAN WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

UKRAINE:

News coverage for the main evening news Tagesschau and Tagesthemen as a field producer, video journalist and video editor

THE HORROR OF THE WAR, two part documentary
MONITOR for ARD

SELECTED CURRENT WORK FROM THE MIDDLE EAST

SYRIA:

BAGHOUZ for the PBS Newshour - The last Battle of ISIS
BAGHOUZ for the PBS Newshour - The end of ISIS
RAQQA for the PBS Newshour - City of the dead
ROJAVA for the PBS Newshour - Kurds threatened by US withdrawal

IRAQ:

ERBIL for the PBS News Hour - Kurds "Trump betrayed us"

AFGHANISTAN:

MAZAR E SHARIF - German TV documentary on the Taliban takeover and the consequences for the locally employed staff
KABUL for the PBS Newshour - Fighting the Taliban
KABUL for the PBS Newshour - The future for Afghan woman
PANSHIR VALLEY for the PBS Newshour - Reactions to a possible Taliban peace deal

LEBANON:

THE WOMAN OF THE ARAB SPRING for ARTE
BEQQA VALLEY for ZDF following Lebanese drugs all the way to Berlin
BEIRUT for the PBS Newshour - Lebanese Protests
BEIRUT for DW - Lebanese Protests and womens rights
BEIRUT for ARD - The Lebanese mafia and money laundering

SELECTED INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTARY WORK ACROSS CONTINENTS

ASIA:

DW/WDR Coproduction India the next global superpower

Child slaves: Exposed how big global companies like GAP exploited child labour. It led to a change in Indian law. Director and cameraman for German Television WDR along with the Observer.

THE DELUGE BEFORE US: Camera for a french-german ARTE documentary in Bangladesh on climate refugees

DIRTY GAMES: An investigative cinema documentary on the dark side of professional sport. Camera in Nepal

THE LAST DALAI LAMA: Geo magazine Television production. An account of the life of the current Dalai Lama.

THE INVISIBLE ENEMY: DEADLY SUPERBUGS: A German television investigative into multi resistant bacteria produced due to the neglect of the pharma industry in India

PHARMASLAVES: Camera and investigative researcher on unethical clinical trials in India German TV

VIOLENCE IN GANDHI'S INDIA: Camera for a french-german ARTE documentary on violence in India against women

DO VEGETARIANS SAVE THE WORLD: 2nd camera in India. ARTE documentary

VOLOUNTOURISM -A CRITICAL JOURNEY: Camera in Nepal for a German TV docu on volountourism

LIFE AND DEATH ALONG THE GANGES: Camera for Swiss Television Documentary Series shot in India and Bangladesh

AFRICA:

THE DOPING SECRET- Camera for "Geheimsache Doping - Der Lauf ums große Geld" a German television

investigative into human trafficking of athletes as well as doping. Shot in Ethiopia German TV

NIGHTMARE IN DREAMLAND: a Fernsehbüro Berlin investigative docu on labour conditions of Ethiopian housemaids in Dubai, shot in Ethiopia and UAE

THE MASSAI TRIBE: Tanzania and Kenya, a portrait of a christian missionary in Arusha and the Serengeti National Park working with the Massai Tribes.

UNDERWATER DOCUMENTARY ON CORRAL FARMING: Underwater documentary on corral and sponge farming as a means for self-support of the local community on Zanzibar 28min for SRF

SOUTH AMERICA:

BRAND CHECK HARIBO: A German television investigative into the working conditions of the workers producing carnauba wax for Haribo sweets and many other products

KINDERSCHINDER OR CHILD OPPRESSORS: A WDR investigation on child labour in the coffee industry in Guatemala

EUROPE:

HOW STUFF IS PRODUCED?
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE SERIES

ARD-German Television "Markencheck" investigations into the production and labour conditions of major brands: Apple, H&M, Ikea, Coca Cola, Lewis, Nivea, Lidl, Tchibo, C&A, Haribo (11 x 45 min) as the undercover reporter and cameraman shot in Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, China, Georgia, India and USA.

Camera for PRO7 Galileo German Television Segments ranging from the worlds largest school kitchen to german "lederhosen" made in India (10 x 15 min)

GOEBBELS EXPERIMENT: Worked as a researcher on the Lutz Hachmeister documentary on the life of the third reich propaganda minister. The film was selected for the Berlinale Film festival.