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Digital award ceremony Dr. Erich Salomon Prize 2020 of the German Society for Photography (DGPh) to Chris Killip

The posthumous awarding of the Dr. Erich Salomon Prize 2020 of the German Society for Photography (DGPh) to Chris Killip takes place digitally.

This year the German Society for Photography has awarded the renowned Dr. Erich Salomon Prize to the British photographer Chris Killip (1946-2020).

With this award, the Society honors an outstanding photographer as well as an important work in the tradition of great humanistic documentary photography. For 50 years, Killip has been committed to the emancipation and teaching of photography as a first-class photographer, curator and critic, and from 1991 to 2017 as a lecturer at Harvard University Cambridge Massachusetts, USA. His publications, produced between 1980 and 2020, are among the most impressive in the literature of photography. Without Killip, a large piece of British culture and the overlooked history of the daily lives of ordinary people would have remained undiscovered. His photographs and picture series are valuable reports and symbols that illuminate the social and economic transformation of Great Britain. In the history of photography they rank alongside those of the great, indispensable masters and prove to be inspiring models for many other generations of photographers and artists.

Chris Killip, who died in October 2020, was able to accept the Dr. Erich Salomon Award in person. On the occasion of his tribute, he spoke with his son Matthew Killip about his career, his role models and his work. Now, after his death, this wonderful video has become a homage to one of the great photographers of the 20th century.

We are pleased to present this film to Chris Killip as part of the digital award ceremony. video. The ceremony includes the introductory welcome address by Ditmar Schädel, Chairman of the DGPh, a greeting from Karin Rehn-Kaufmann, Art Director & Chief Representative Leica Galleries International, Leica Camera AG as sponsor of the Dr. Erich Salomon Prize and the moving laudatory speech by Amanda Maddox, Associate Curator, J. Paul Getty Museum.

The award ceremony, which will last about 30 minutes, is now available on Vimeo - <https://vimeo.com/480738601> - and on the DGPh website (dgph.de).

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