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## Lost Lives - Women in Gulag

### Verlorene Leben - Frauen in Gulag

In the 1920s many European women emigrated to the Soviet Union in search of a new and better life. Their goal was to build up a new society where unemployment, the economic chaos and the the civil war belong to the past. However, instead of improving their situation they remained foreigners in between repression, death sentence and prison camp. As the wife of a "repressed" they came into the women prison camps while their husbands either immediately were shot down or condemned to prison camp for years. The women were separated from their children and had to survive inhuman life circumstances in the camp. After the conclusion of the Hitler Stalin pact some of them were directly sent from Stalin's GULAG into the Nazi concentration camps. Most of them could only leave the camp after the Second World War. The documentary "Lost lives" is portraying almost forgotten women who, under extreme life circumstances, ended up in the Soviet GULAG. Next to well-known Austrian women the documentary also tells the stories of the German Margarete Buber-Neumann, Aino Kuusinen (wife of the leader of the Finnish communist party), the Spanish Carolina Codina (first wife of Sergei Sergejewitsch Prokofjew) and other women from Great Britain and France.

**Year:** 2013

**Run-Time:** 1 x 52 min.

**Directed by** Anita Lackenberger

**Written by** Anita Lackenberger

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