

# The Forgotten Space

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**Last year, the documentary *The Forgotten Space* by Allan Sekula and Noël Burch was presented during the film festival in Venice. Once begun as a SKOR-initiated art project on the Betuwe route, a cargo railway running from the port of Rotterdam to the German border, the documentary shows the relation between freight shipments by sea and the growing internationalization of a worldwide industrial economy. The film is set in four seaports: Bilbao, Rotterdam, Los Angeles and Hong Kong. It examines the sea as ‘the forgotten space’ of our modern age, where globalization – though hidden from view – becomes visible in a most pressing way.**

Stills from *The Forgotten Space*, 2010. <sup>1</sup>

















## Footnotes

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