**Enver's Bulb - A short history of Albania's Electrification**

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100 years after Edison had invented the electric bulb, the last Balkan mountain valleys saw the first electric light thanks to Enver Hoxha, dictator of one of the most oppressive Stalinist dictatorships of the entire 20th century. Historical propaganda film sequences, oral history testimonies and first hand ethnographic material blend together in a thrilling artistic collage telling the fascinating story of enlightenment as a history between reality, fiction and propaganda.

"Enver's Bulb" is a cinematic parabola about human belief in progress, technology, development and a better future - shot in hydropower stations, flooded villages and transformer stations. The film sheds for the first time light on a forgotten chapter of the communist era and the problematic entanglement of ideology with modernization practices. It reconnects as well the narratives of the past with those of a postcommunist present guided by the unshakable myth of electrification.