

Tuesday 15 December

Oil, Water and... Gender

Mad Max: Fury Road, dir.

George Miller, Australia-USA,
2015, 120 min.

Special guest speaker: Claudio Tuniz (International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste - Centro Fermi, Roma - Center for Archaeological Science, University of Wollongong, Australia)

Following a nuclear holocaust, the world has become a desert wasteland and civilization has collapsed. Max Rockatansky (Tom Hardy), a survivor, is captured by the War Boys, the army of the tyrannical Immortan Joe, and taken to Joe's Citadel.

Meanwhile, Imperator Furiosa (Charlize Theron), one of Joe's lieutenants, is sent in her armored truck to collect gasoline. When she drives off-route, Joe realizes that something very precious of his is missing and leads his entire army in pursuit of Furiosa...

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Program

20 October, Alternate Natural Resources: Terra Nova, pilot, created by Kelly Marcel and Craig Silverstein, USA, 2011, 86 min.

Special guest speakers: Vanni Lughì and Alessandro Massi Pavan (School on Energy Giacomo Ciamician, University of Trieste)

27 October, Energy and the Self: Moon, dir. Duncan Jones, UK, 2009, 97 min.

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17 November, Facing the Ecocatastrophe:

The Day after Tomorrow, dir. Roland Emmerich, 2004, USA, 124 min.

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1 December, Terraforming!

Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan, dir. Nicholas Meyer, USA, 1982, min. 112.

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Alternate Energies, Future Societies, Imaginary Ecologies

2015, October, 20, 27
November, 17
December, 1, 15
8 pm

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Sci-fi Contacts is back, with a cycle of science fiction movies and TV series on energy sources and their relationship with the present and future of our society and the environment: “thought experiments”, critical reflection through fiction, and science fiction fun for everyone! Exceptional guest speakers will be with us to discuss each evening's theme.

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Tuesday 20 October

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The series is initially set in A.D. 2149, when overpopulation and declining air quality threatens all life on Earth. When scientists discover a temporal rift permitting human transmission, they initiate a series of "pilgrimages" to a parallel time stream resembling Earth's Cretaceous Period. The colony there, named Terra Nova, is ruled by Commander Nathaniel Taylor

(Stephen Lang). A new chance for humanity, but the untouched nature in Terra Nova is not exactly an ecotopia...

Tuesday 27 October

Energy and the Self

Moon, dir. Duncan Jones, UK, 2009, 97 min.

Special guest speaker:

Edoardo Milotti (Italian Institute for Nuclear Physics - University of Trieste)

In 2035, Lunar Industries have made a fortune after an oil crisis by building Sarang, an automated lunar facility to mine the alternative fuel helium-3. Helium-3 is used primarily to power fusion reactors and other things that run on fusion energy. Sam Bell (Sam Rockwell), the astronaut who maintains operations at Sarang, nears the end of a three-year work contract as the facility's sole resident...

Tuesday 17 November

Facing the Ecocatastrophe

The Day after Tomorrow, dir. Roland Emmerich, 2004, USA, 124 min.

Special guest speaker: Filippo Giorgi (International Centre for

Theoretical Physics, Trieste)
On an expedition in Antarctica, paleoclimatologist Jack Hall and his colleagues Frank and Jason are drilling for ice-core samples on the

Larsen Ice Shelf for the NOAA when the shelf breaks off.

Later, Jack presents his findings on global warming at a United Nations conference, but fails to convince diplomats or Vice President of the United States... Catastrophic climatic effects result in a series of extreme weather events that usher in global cooling and leads to a new ice age. The film depicts events predicted by scientists, but happening much more rapidly and severely than is considered scientifically plausible.

Tuesday 1 December

Terraforming!

Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan, dir. Nicholas Meyer, USA, 1982, min. 112.

Special guest speaker:

Giovanni Vladilo (INAF - Osservatorio Astronomico di Trieste - University of Trieste)
Admiral James T. Kirk and the crew of the starship USS Enterprise facing off against the genetically-engineered tyrant Khan Noonien Singh (a character who first appeared in the 1967 Star Trek television series episode Space Seed). When Khan escapes from a 15-year exile to exact revenge on Kirk, the crew of the Enterprise must stop him from acquiring a powerful terraforming device named Genesis...