

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.

**Special guest speaker: Edoardo Milotti** (Italian Institute for Nuclear Physics - University of Trieste)

**17 November, Facing the Ecocatastrophe:**

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

**Special guest speaker: Filippo Giorgi** (ICTP, Trieste)

**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

Original versions with English subtitles  
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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.

Hosted by Giulia Iannuzzi, PhD  
*In cooperation with Energia Società Ambiente. Tra passato, presente e futuro, lecture series 2015-16 University of Trieste*

## **Tuesday 20 October**

*Alternate Natural Resources*

**Terra Nova**, pilot, created by Kelly Marcel and Craig Silverstein, USA, 2011, 86 min.

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

*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...*