



Dear friends, dear Colleagues,

the outbreak of the Covid-19 disease – across Europe and Italy, including the Friuli Venezia Giulia region – has led national and international authorities and private companies to adopt extraordinary measures and to impose severe restrictions, in the attempt to control the spread of the disease and limit the risks of contagion.

This unexpected scenario is heavily affecting the normal course of any kind of event and learning activities. Several countries within and outside Europe are already requesting their citizens to refrain from travelling to Italy. Moreover, according to the latest information we have received, all Italian schools and universities are likely to be shut down until March 15th by government's decision.

At the present day our first priority is to support the efforts of the Udine University and to find a viable option for our students, who should have started their semester two weeks ago, guaranteeing the holding of classes and of other scheduled activities and, at the same time, safeguarding their and our health and security. Not least, it is our duty and responsibility to protect and to reassure our Ph.D. students, colleagues, partners and friends coming from several regions and countries to take part in the Conference and in the School.

For all these reasons, we are left with no other option than postponing the Filmforum International Film and Media Studies Conference and the MAGIS Spring School. All the talks, workshops and events originally scheduled on March 26th-31st **will take place between November 3rd and 9th**, always in Gorizia.

'Retuning the Screen' XXVII International Film and Media Studies Conference, November 3rd – 5th;

'Living in the material World' XVIII MAGIS – International Film and Media Studies Spring School, November 5th – 9th.

Starting from **March 8th**, we'll take care of any logistical need or query you may have concerning the postponement. To confirm your attendance or ask for information, please refer to the following e-mail addresses:

'Retuning the Screen' Conference speakers and attendees: udineconference@gmail.com;

'Living in the Material World' Spring School speakers and attendees: goriziafilmforum@gmail.com.

We are aware that, as any sudden change of plans, this could cause some problems, but we'll do the best we can to have everyone who has collaborated in organizing and enriching this FilmForum edition on board. Please, let us know if you would still be able to join us for the aforementioned time frame.

We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience and we thank you for your understanding.

On Behalf of the FilmForum
Conference Scientific Committee
and School Steering Committee,

Simone Venturini