

Irenea: a Cinema for Peace and Nonviolence

The *Sereno Regis* Study Center (CSSR) in Turin is promoting the establishment of a multi-media educational lab meant to develop a movie culture oriented to peaceful, nonviolent and deeply respectful relationships to all living beings in the Earth's ecosystem. The lab will be a place of search and spread of a movie culture that may help spot and recognize visible as well as invisible violence, that may acquaint with the various conflict descriptions – micro through macro – and may teach to solve them in a creative rather than destructive way by the promotion of nonviolence throughout all relational dimensions.

General aims

This project is to develop along two axes: one leading to establishing the educational lab itself, and one enabling the arrangement over time of complementary activities. The early implementation step will involve the lab run-in, attempting new film insights by drawing from peace and nonviolence research achievements so as to shape sustainable individual and social living models. The produced material will be made available along with the filmography catalogues arranged by single issues: nonviolent conflict transformation; lawfulness and human rights; democracy and participation; gender differences; interculture; spirituality; economy, ecology and sustainability. *Training* will be a substantial feature of the Center, mainly directed to students and teachers across the school range. Special features (theme reviews, exhibitions, events) will be offered to the public at large, in collaboration with other agencies and groups. An early undertaking in collaboration with the Torino Film Festival is the establishment of a *Gandhi's eye-glasses* Award for films best expressing the values of peace and nonviolence. Its 2011 maiden awarding by a jury made up of CSSR members and supporters crowned Andreas Kannengiesser's *Vergiss dein Ende – Way Home* with a prize handed over on December 3rd at 4:00 p.m. at the Film Commission's movie theater (42 via Cagliari).

The premises

Besides the undertaking in progress, we deem necessary to have specific premises available, apt to host the tasks of study, research, training and document filing. Such premises have been identified in the very building housing the CSSR, 13 via Garibaldi, where the former Garibaldi cinema has newly become available. This is a Liberty-style room dating back to the early 1900's, suitable as to size and location and easily restorable to the standard required for our new planned undertaking, as well as possible side actions relating to art-peace-nonviolence (such as exhibitions, concerts, theater shows, lectures), besides being worth-while recovering in its own right as a meaningful culture landmark.

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We hereby invite you to join in our popular funding subscription for the premises acquirement and project accomplishment: let us show by deeds that solidarity, an economy of gifts and commons are the avenue that humankind must head along just to tackle in dignity the widespread impending systemic crisis. You may join in by both locked-up contributions / donations and interest-free loans with payback terms to be agreed.

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