

Suffering: Between Fault and Care

Religions and human dignity of people in need

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

4:00 - 7:00 pm

Viale Romania, Aula 305

Discussants

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Films in viewing:

Admissions (USA, 2011)

Admissions is a short film starring Academy Award nominee James Cromwell that tells a transformational tale about what it takes to find lasting peace. Featuring an Israeli couple and a Palestinian, this modern parable is set in the Admissions Room for the afterlife. The purpose is to suggest to start a conversation that would cause healing.

Vice Versa (Israele, 2014)

An innocent and honest relationship between a religious Yeshiva scholar and an 18 years old girl with cancer, turns out to become an intimate and passionate love story that transcends the rules of religion, society and faith. Can we repent and leave our sins behind us? Could we go back in time and start again? These questions are posed at the beginning of this short drama based on a controversial novel by Yehoshua Greenberg, deftly directed by his brother Amichai. The film was awarded a Special Mention at the 2015 Religion Today Festival in Italy.

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Film in viewing:

Sound of Silence (India, 2017)

Set in a beautiful valley in the Himalayas, the film tells the story of a mute boy, who had lost his mother and had been rejected by his father who ends up in jail. A desolate life lies ahead for the son as well, but his relationship with an elderly Buddhist monk helps him break away from his voiceless suffering, and explore the bond that every creature share with nature. Welcomed into a Buddhist monastery, however, the boy must fight his inner battle of unrequited love.