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Noam Chomsky in Trieste



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The famous scientist and scholar to receive an honorary PhD from SISSA and to meet the town of Trieste

The internationally known scientist Noam Chomsky will be receiving a PhD in Cognitive Neuroscience from the International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA) in Trieste. During his visit, the scientist will be holding a *Lectio Magistralis* at the school and a public lecture in town.

Noam Chomsky is an internationally known scientist and due to his revolutionary scientific theories he is considered to be the founder of modern linguistics. He is also a prominent scholar and has had an important impact on the US and on the world public opinion on political, social and economic issues.

For his scientific merits he has been **invited to Trieste** by SISSA to receive an **honorary PhD in Neuroscience** on 17th September. The scientist will also be giving a *lectio magistralis* with the title "*The minimalist program and language acquisition*" in the Main Lecture Hall of the school.



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On the same day, in the afternoon, Chomsky will be holding a **public lecture** with the title "*The Emerging World Order: its roots, our legacy*". The event will be taking place at **Politeama Rossetti at 5.30 p.m.** and it will be addressed to anyone who is interested. The lecture will be simultaneously translated into Italian.

This event has been planned by SISSA, which has also organised, together with the Council and the University of Trieste, the public lecture. The translation service will be provided by the Advanced School of Modern Languages for Interpreters and Translators (SSLMIT) of the University of Trieste.

"Noam Chomsky is a world famous scientist and public figure. He has deeply influenced the development of the Western thought in Linguistics, Cognitive Science, Philosophy and Politics", stated the Director of SISSA **Guido Martinelli**. "Due to his important scientific contribution SISSA, where a very active team of researchers and students in Cognitive Neuroscience and Neurobiology works, will be giving him the title of Honorary Doctor in Neuroscience". Martinelli also mentioned the political engagement of the scholar: "Prof. Chomsky has a critical mind. His positions have generated lively discussions on the hottest political and social issues in the last few decades. In the afternoon the public will have the opportunity to meet this protagonist of the academic world and of the political debate of the second half of the Twentieth century".

"Noam Chomsky is one of the few great intellectuals who have never stopped having a critical mind in the Western society. For over thirty years his opinions and his judgements, which have always seized the essence of things behind their appearance, have raised increasing interest of the public in the real nature of power", explained **Antonella Grim**, the town Councillor of Education, School and University and Research. "Together with SISSA and the University of Trieste we have decided to organise a «public restitution», with the event at Politeama Rossetti, to allow many of our citizens to attend Prof. Chomsky's lectures, after the ceremony of the honorary PhD held in the morning".

The importance of this event has also been stressed by the Rector of the University of Trieste, **Francesco Peroni**: "The presence of an important person such as Chomsky in Trieste is a great cultural stimulus, which is offered not only to the scientific community but also to the whole town. In this historical period marked by a worldwide state of uncertainty, the reflections of an intellectual such as Chomsky are an important reading key of the complex scenery the world is now facing".



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Attendance of the public lecture is free of charge but online registration at the URL www.sissa.it/chomsky is required.

It is possible to contact the Council of Trieste by phone (**040 675 8005**) from 27th to 31st August (from 9.00 to 12.00) to make the registration to the event easier. Whoever decides to register to the event by phone will have to collect their ticket at the Public Relation Office (via della Procureria 2A) by 7th September. For further information, please [visit the website](http://www.sissa.it). Those who fail to collect their ticket by 7th September will be automatically cancelled from the list.

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