



PRESS RELEASE

## SISSA launches the International Manifesto of Trieste for women in science

The appointment is set for Wednesday 9 May. It will be an opportunity to talk about the importance of networking among female scientists. Proceedings will be opened by Marica Branchesi, named among the 100 most influential people in the world by *Time*

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An international platform to strengthen the role of women in science. This is the initiative promoted by SISSA through the event entitled "When women in science get together: The role of networks". The event is organised as part of the celebrations for the School's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Proceedings will be opened by Marica Branchesi, astrophysicist from the *Gran Sasso Science Institute* of L'Aquila. For her contribution to the discovery of gravitational waves, she was recently named among the 100 most influential people by *Time* magazine and, in 2017, among the 10 most influential scientists by the journal *Nature*. Together with a group of internationally acclaimed female researchers in the sectors of physics, math and neuroscience, she will talk about the importance of female scientist networks as a strategy to find a tangible solution to the numerical underrepresentation of women in academic science. The event will be held in room 128-129, opening at 9 a.m.

In Italy, like abroad, the number of women in permanent academic positions is limited, despite the higher level of university enrolments, degree completion, research doctorates and post doctoral fellowships. The phenomenon, which is accentuated at top levels of the academic career, is known as the "glass ceiling". The event of 9 May will be an opportunity to discuss the condition of the women of science, the unsolved issues, and the progress made thanks to the work of international female scientist networks. The speakers will share experiences and good international practices and will illustrate how these networks can actively contribute to changing the role of women in science. During the meeting, the video entitled "Crystal veils. Women and



Islam in Italian scientific research” will be screened. The video is the outcome of a project awarded with the Romeo Bassoli Prize promoted by SISSA and the National Institute for Nuclear Physics for the collection of verbal testimonies in the scientific world. The proceedings will continue at 3 p.m. with a discussion entitled “Women in Math and Science: Participating, Surviving, and Succeeding”. This final event, organised by the Committee for the wellbeing of SISSA, is dedicated to the conscious and unconscious bias which affects decision-making processes and to the possible means to combat such bias, particularly in an academic environment.

The events are free and open to the public.

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Programme: <https://bit.ly/2l7YgCM>

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