

Deep Impact in Copenhagen



Bangladesh and New York City are, probably, positioned at the two opposite poles of economic welfare. Yet they share the common

feature of being the places at the highest risk against the consequences of a rise in the sea level. This is a paradoxical reminder that we are all in the same boat.

This time - unlike for the world wars of the last century - we cannot wait for catastrophes to understand what Morgan Freeman reminds in his presidential speech to the nation in one of the best disaster movies of the last decade.

The climate change issue (as debatable and intrinsically uncertain as some of the conclusions of the IPCC may be) has got an important merit: it popularizes a debate on globalization that may be otherwise confined to specialized and interested elites, and it shows how deep the impact on our daily lives could be - on matters as close to our families and lives as the weather. In this brave new world vision and pragmatism are the same thing [...]

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you like to write an article or contribute to a paper? Are you interested in organizing a conference, or helping us building a network? You can download the participation format [here](#): just let us know what you are interested in, filling the format and sending it back to info@vision-forum.org

Next Issue

The next issue of Vision's magazine will come directly from the future... We'll have Visions from the end of 2010, describing the positive changes made by the world during the year 2010. To be expected after next Christmas Holidays...

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Climate Change and Global Governance



Two concrete, scientific considerations.

Firstly, the earth temperature has grown 0,8 degrees during the last century, the sea level is 20 centimeters higher and the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere today is 30% higher than before the pre-industrial era. At this rate, temperatures will be 1 degree higher by the end of this century.

Secondly, instead of reversing the trends, we are reinforcing them. The world's gas emissions are today 30% higher than they were in 1992.

And if our most significant attempt for meaningful answers as a global community tilts towards irrelevance - the news is that the Copenhagen meeting could even be stopped before its end - well, we are in trouble...

The obstacle remains the timeless classic: the will of the single Nations. The issue of climate change is illuminating, because it points out concretely, as powerful in its message as the catastrophe US blockbusters (Francesco's article starts depicting some movie-atmosphere), that the world has changed, that we have changed. The magnitude of our problems has changed. Now our challenge is to fastly adapt our way of thinking in order to find solutions, and maybe to consider some "obligations" we take for granted: this seems particularly true during Christmas holidays, as Matteo points out. Or it will be more than a movie.

Within this issue we ask questions concerning the problem of climate change, and try to identify possible ways forward. Amongst the authors invited to share their thoughts, we have two members of the Italian Parliament. We also have a point of view from Russia.

With this occasion we are launching the next step of Vision's project Kyoto of the Cities, proposing new thinking and innovative solutions to the problem of the environment. You can write an email to kyotoofthecities@vision-forum.org should you like to contribute to our research, to the upcoming events on the topic, or to simply learn more about the project.

Traffic, Eco-Housing and Energy: three possibilities

by Alessia Mosca



Our cities are among the most affected by the traffic problem: Rome motorists spend 260 hours a year between queues and delays, Milan 240 hours, Naples 210.

The flexible congestion charge can be a good solution, especially because it aims to make urban mobility a real market. This solution, however, can only partially resolves the issue [...]

Russia: Overcoming an Unfriendly Climate for Change

by Sam Greene



It has been suggested that Russia may be the only country on Earth, the majority of whose citizens think a warming planet is a good thing. That, however, may be an unfair assertion: by most

accounts, Russians don't think about global warming at all. [...]

The Role of Justice in Climate Change

by Marco Grasso



The fundamental ethical issues in climate change concern the distribution of the burdens and benefits of addressing it, as well as fair

participation in the processes of distributing them. Climate burdens are of two kinds: related to mitigation and related to adaptation [...]

Copenhagen a parte, l'obiettivo è decarbonizzare la crescita

di Ylenia Berardi



Agli inizi del '90 si comprese la necessità di approfondire la conoscenza della meteorologia. Esattamente quello che bisognerebbe fare oggi con

il clima. In questo caso l'impresa è ben più ardua: non c'è ancora nessuno che possa dirsi davvero climatologo [...]

Copenhagen - Announced Failure?

di Edoardo Riccio



Copenhagen? The only certain thing up to now is that the organisation of such an event will cost a significant amount of money which will be borne by

taxpayers from all over the world. And the first question is: is it strictly necessary to organise such huge events to discuss a relatively small number of proposals? [...]

Il Servizio Pubblico nel Mercato Globale dell'Informazione



Vision's analysis of the quality of the information offered by the Public Service television is under way. The project starts

from the interpretation of the television Public Service as a Public good, and envisions a cycle of conferences starting in mid 2010. The objective is to alert the Italian Public media services that it is shifting towards irrelevance if it is not able to adapt to some specific changes...

The 5Cs: Can Christmas and Climate Change after Copenhagen?

by Matteo Bocci



During the past weekend I had my two-full-days of Christmas shopping. Coming from Genova, a northern Italy town renowned for its "parsimonious" citizens, you can understand this has not been an easy task. Still, I did it. And

although I tried to be amuch as "Genovese" as possible, in the end it ate half of my monthly budget [...]

"You Can't Solve a Problem Using the Same Kind of Thinking That Created It"

by Adrian Hornsby



Climate change is unique among contemporary issues in being both utterly global in scale and truly modern. There is no precedent to mankind making a sincere and conscious effort to bring

the world's weather systems under his control. However, this is in effect what conditions necessitate [...]

Green Economy e Riforme

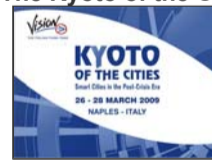
di Marianna Madia



La precarietà è il tratto distintivo della nostra epoca. Essa è un problema complesso; non riguarda soltanto la condizione del lavoro e dei diritti sociali, ma l'equilibrio delle risorse naturali. Viviamo una stagione nella quale coesistono, con una

significativa analogia fra i guasti ambientali e i dell'economia, la crisi sociale e l'emergenza ecologica. Sono le due metà di una crisi complessiva che è esplosa con violenza nell'ultimo periodo, e che domina l'agenda mondiale [...]

The Kyoto of the Cities



After the launching, "framework" conference held in Naples last April, the project "Kyoto of the Cities" continues its activities.

Following next is the conference focusing on the first of the three areas of intervention that Vision identified in order to tackle the problem of Climate Change: "Intelligent Cities" and the issue of Public Participation as a solution to the urban congestion. [...]

L'Illusione del Petrolio Verde

di Romeo Henes



Da un paio di anni circa, nel settore automobilistico, è scoppiata la moda dell'ambientalismo fai da te. I grandi colossi di uno dei settori industriali che

più pesano sull'ambiente e sulla qualità delle nostre vite cercano di accaparrarsi in tutti i modi lo scettro di "paladino verde", mostrandoci, attraverso la lente distorcente di un marketing frenetico, automobili pulite, inserite in idilliache immagini di un mondo utopico che non sembra conoscere polveri sottili, gas serra, distruzione delle risorse del pianeta; peccato si tratti delle stesse auto che fino a ieri ci venivano vendute per la quantità dei loro cavalli [...]

Città e cittadinanza per lo Sviluppo Sostenibile



L'Organizzazione delle Nazioni Unite a Johannesburg nel 2002 sceglie di dedicare un decennio internazionale all'educazione sostenibile, proclamando il "Decennio dell'Educazione allo Sviluppo Sostenibile" (DESS) per il periodo 2005-2014. La sua

promozione è affidata all' Agenzia ONU per l'Educazione, la Scienza, la Cultura (UNESCO) proprio perché l'educazione, intesa nell'accezione più ampia come istruzione, formazione, informazione e sensibilizzazione, è considerata la chiave dello sviluppo sociale, economico e culturale. [...]