

## CROCEVIA DI SGUARDI XV edition

### *Defenders of the Homelands*

Thursday 7th November 2019, 9.00 pm, Cineteatro Baretti



#### **WHEN THE WAR COMES**

directed by Jan Gebert, Czech Republic and Croatia 2018, 76'

Peter Švrček comes from a middle-class family, he has just finished his studies, and his girlfriend is pretty. But Peter is worried. He is worried about Slovakia's future and the waves of immigrants. If there is a war, Peter wants to be prepared, that is why he runs a paramilitary group involving dozens of men. During their weekend training sessions, they wear fake uniforms and use fake weapons, but they take their mission pretty seriously. The group gives speeches in high schools, and they all help in the organization of folkloristic events. Director Jan Gebert observes the group's increasing popularity without judgement. The group even wants to get into politics, in order to protect what belongs to them, and to keep Slovakia only for the Slovaks. Until Peter and his assistants break the law, the government will not be involved.

*Discussant:*

**Matteo Albanese** (University of Padova)

**Jan Gebert** (1981) is a journalist and filmmaker. He graduated in History and Latin American studies from the Charles University in Prague. He also studied in Spain, USA and Mexico. In 2007 he received the Story of a Refugee Journalist Award from the UNHCR, in 2008 the European Commission's Journalist Award given as part of the campaign For Diversity, Against Discrimination. His film debut *Stone Games* (2012) premiered at the Jihlava IDFF and received a Special Jury Prize.

**Matteo Albanese** is a research fellow in Contemporary History at the Department of Juridical and International Political Sciences of the University of Padua. He has studied phenomena related to political extremism. Among his publications, *Fascisti di un altro millennio? Crisi e partecipazione in CasaPound Italia* (con Bulli e Gattinara, 2013).

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