

# Friends of Science

[friendsofscience.org](http://friendsofscience.org)  
[climatechange101.ca](http://climatechange101.ca)



## Press Release



**June 25, 2020**

### **Marijn Poels - Climate and Free Speech Documentaries Online Free of Charge**

*Complete film trilogy by Marijn Poels webcast exclusively by Friends of Science.*

(Calgary, Alberta) The Canadian organisation Friends of Science will webcast the complete trilogy of climate change and freedom of speech documentaries by award-winning, independent European filmmaker Marijn Poels. This free-of-charge, exclusive screening will be available with English subtitles via its YouTube Channel from June to September 2020.

Poels' first film of the trilogy was his climate documentary – [\*"The Uncertainty Has Settled"\*](#) - produced three years ago. Returning to Europe after 8 years of work overseas, producing some 50 films on social justice in conflict and poverty countries, where most people struggled to have enough to eat, Poels was struck by the loss of agricultural productivity and freedoms in his own land. He realized there was an unnerving connection between farmers and potential loss of European food security, as Europe's green energy policies were driving more and more farmers into becoming energy suppliers through biofuels, wind, and solar farms, rather than food crops. Renewables are said to 'save the planet' and reduce the risk of climate change, but Poels was skeptical about both claims. Poels interviewed farmers, market analysts and various skeptical and 'consensus-view' climate scientists. While Poels' social justice films had made him a darling of the media, by questioning climate and renewable energy policies in *"The Uncertainty Has Settled"*, he was suddenly given the cold shoulder, his film met with controversy, led to heated discussions after screenings, and even aggressive protests and threats.

This reaction was astounding to Poels, who thought he had returned to the democratic West that is said to value freedom of speech and ideas. The vehement reaction inspired him to explore the themes of polarization in our Western society and the demonization of the other side in the second part of the trilogy, entitled *"PARADOGMA"*. The story looks for answers behind this phenomenon that seems to stifle the debate and divide the people into left, right, good, or bad, showing why true liberty needs heretics. *"PARADOGMA"* is a critical, thought-provoking journey through ancient tribal conflicts, in a new era wherein world views clash and free speech crumbles under pressure to conform.

The third part of the trilogy will be called *"Return to Eden"* wherein Poels visits inspiring people worldwide who adapt to the changing climate instead of regulating. He also uncovers the razor-thin line between care, control,

and manipulation.

Friends of Science is a small, member/subscriber-funded, non-profit society and is proud of this collaboration with Marijn Poels. Marijn Poels was a guest speaker at their 2018 Annual Event "[Extreme Climate Uncertainty](#)" where he shared the stage with climate scientist Dr. Madhav Khandekar.

"Marijn's filmmaking is thought-provoking and enlightening. He's a young man of courage who does not want to convince, but he wants to make you think," says Michelle Stirling, Communications Manager for Friends of Science Society. "We are pleased to share his work with the public at large."

Through his interviews with leading experts on climate science, Marijn Poels says he finds it most frightening to hear from scientists who are afraid to open their mouths to question.

"The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has become a "holy organization" – you are not allowed to doubt it. If you do, you will no longer belong to the community," he says. "I truly believe that we should depoliticize the whole climate enterprise and have reasonable debates about it without expelling those who hold dissenting views or other perspectives."

Regarding renewable energy, Poels is blunt.

"The subsidized energy transition has become a political business model where the technology is still in an experimental phase and performing poorly. It is common sense to state that we will never find a solution if we do not understand the problem. That is what my trilogy is all about. Identifying the true problems, exposing the weakness of a 'consensus' conformist view."

Friends of Science will release the first episode "*The Uncertainty Has Settled*" on June 24th, 2020.

"*PARADOX*" will be released on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The third episode "*Return to Eden*" will be released in September 2020.

---

About:

Friends of Science Society is an independent group of earth, atmospheric and solar scientists, engineers, and citizens who are celebrating its 18th year of offering climate science insights. After a thorough review of a broad spectrum of literature on climate change, Friends of Science Society has concluded that the sun is the main driver of climate change, not carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

**Friends of Science Society**

PO Box 23167, Mission PO  
Calgary AB Canada T2S 3B1

1-888-789-9597 Ext 2

[friendsofscience.org](http://friendsofscience.org)  
[climatechange101.ca](http://climatechange101.ca)

