

WORLD CINEMA

The focus of this course is to explore the art of cinema while examining cultures from which certain films have emerged. We will begin with a look at neorealism in the Italian film, *Rome Open City*, created out of necessity during World War II. Throughout the course, we will examine neorealism's growth and change until we end up in Hong Kong with Wong Kar-wai's *Chungking Express*. Intermittently, we will watch clips from recent films that have been influenced by the films we study. For example, we might look at Belgium filmmakers, Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne's film, *L'Enfant*, to examine the effect of French New Wave.

I believe it is important for our class to view the films together. Of the eight classes, four will include an introduction to the film and a viewing of it. After we watch a film, the following class will consist of a lecture, film clips, and group discussion. I will provide questions to consider while watching the film and articles about the film before each viewing. In addition, the first class will be a mini-introduction to film analysis. The readings and handouts for this first class will be available before we meet.

The four films we will discuss are *Rome, Open City*; *Aparajito*; *A Taste of Cherry*; and *Chungking Express*. These films are available at the Princeton Public Library and on the Criterion Website or app, which can be purchased for \$10.99 a month.

The films I have chosen, perhaps, have additional relevancy. Each represents a filmmaker wrestling with political authority and repression. I hope these films familiarize us with cultures other than our own and, thereby, increase understanding while decreasing prejudice as well as making us more vigilant about protecting our democratic freedoms and our constitutional rights.

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FORMAT: In-person

MAXIMUM: 25

THURSDAYS 10:00 a.m. to noon 8 sessions starting October 13th through December 8th