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### **Male Anxiety and Psychopathology in Film** Routledge

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years of Italian cinema, the Comedy Italian Style emerged after the fall of the Facist regime, narrating the identity crisis of many Italian men. Exploring the birth, growth, and decline of this genre, Bini shows this notable style was the search for a new role in the shattered postwar middle class.

*Italian Film in the Light of Neorealism* Duke

University Press

What is it about Tony Soprano that makes him so amiable? For that matter, how is it that

many of us secretly want Scarface to succeed or see Michael Corleone as, ultimately, a hero? What draws us into the otherwise horrifically violent world of the mafia? In *The Mafia*, Roberto M. Dainotto explores the irresistible appeal of this particular brand of organized crime, its history, and the mythology we have developed around it. Dainotto traces the development of the mafia from its rural beginnings in Western Sicily to its growth into a global crime

organization alongside a parallel examination of its evolution in music, print, and on the big screen. He probes the tension between the real mafia—its violent, often brutal reality—and how we imagine it to be: a mythical potpourri of codes of honor, family values, and chivalry. But rather than dismiss our collective imagining of the mafia as a complete fiction, Dainotto instead sets out to understand what needs and desires or material and psychic longing our fantasies

about the mafia—the best kind of the bad life—are meant to satisfy. Exploring the rich array of films, books, television programs, music, and even video games portraying and inspired by the mafia, this book offers not only a social, economic, and political history of one of the most iconic underground cultures, but a new way of understanding our enduring fascination with the complex society that lurks behind the sinister Omertà of the family business.

**Stardom and the Aesthetics of Neorealism** Bloomsbury Publishing USA  
DIVA sophisticated theoretical treatment of post-war Italian Cinema./div  
**No Place Like Home** Springer Nature  
Since its beginning and during periods of great transformations, movie-going for both men and women was akin to going to a fashion parade. Before the explosion of digital technology and its enchanted world, access to fashion was only

accessible on the big screen. Fashion and style became reachable for the masses through cinema. And, with the genre of the fashion film, this continues today. Focusing on a number of crucial films and directors from the silent era to the present, this study will offer, for the first time, an in-depth exploration of the interaction between fashion and Italian cinema. The study, however, will privilege the golden age of Italian cinema, especially the crucial decades of the

1950s and 1960s during which, through the marriage of fashion and film, Italian fashion and style were launched globally. Through the lens of fashion, the study will revisit the films of some of Italy's most important film-makers, such as Antonioni, Fellini, Visconti and others and films as old as Mario Oxilia's silent *Rapsodia Satanica* (1917) to Luca Guadagnino's *I am Love* (2009).

**The Politics of Tragedy and Democratic**

**Citizenship** Indiana University Press

*The Supernatural Sublime* explores the long-neglected element of the supernatural in films from Spain and Mexico by focusing on the social and cultural contexts of their production and reception, their adaptations of codes and conventions for characters and plot, and their use of cinematic techniques to create the experience of emotion without explanation. Deploying the overarching concepts of the supernatural and the sublime, Raúl Rodríguez-Hernández and Claudia

Schaefer detail the dovetailing of the unnatural and the experience of limitlessness associated with the sublime. *The Supernatural Sublime* embeds the films in the social histories of twentieth- and twenty-first-century Mexico and Spain, both of which made a forced leap into modernity after historical periods founded on official ideologies and circumscribed visions of the nation. Evoking Kant's definition of the experience of the

sublime, Rodríguez-Hernández and Schaefer concentrate on the unrepresentable and the contradictory that oppose purported universal truths and instead offer up illusion, deception, and imagination through cinema, itself a type of illusion: writing with light. The Mafia State University of New York Press The Time of the Crime interrogates the relationship between time and vision as it emerges in five Italian films from the sixties and seventies: Antonioni's Blow-Up and

The Passenger, Bertolucci's The Spider's Stratagem, Cavani's The Night Porter, and Pasolini's Oedipus Rex. The center around which these films revolve is the image of the crime scene—the spatial and temporal configuration in which a crime is committed, witnessed, and investigated. By pushing the detective story to its extreme limits, they articulate forms of time that defy any clear-cut distinction between past, present, and future—presenting an

uncertain temporality that can be made visible but not calculated, and challenging notions of visual mastery and social control. If the detective story proper begins with a death that has already taken place, the death that seems to count the most in these films is the one that is yet to occur—the investigator's own death. In a time of relentless anticipation, what appears in front of the investigator's eyes is not the past as it was, but the past as it will have been in relation to the

time of his or her search. The Biopic in Contemporary Film Culture Stanford University Press This comprehensive guide is an ideal reference work for film specialists and enthusiasts. First published in 1984 but continuously updated ever since, CineGraph is the most authoritative and comprehensive encyclopedia on German-speaking cinema in the German language. This condensed and substantially revised English-language edition

makes this important resource available to students and researchers for the first time outside its German context. It offers a representative historical overview through bio-filmographical entries on the main protagonists, from the beginnings to the present day. Included are directors and actors, writers and cameramen, composers and production designers, film theorists and critics, producers and distributors, inventors and manufacturers. An appendix includes short

introductory essays on specific periods and movements, such as Early Film, Weimar, Nazi Cinema, DEFA, New German Cinema, and German film since unification, as well as on cinematic developments in Austria and Switzerland. Sections that crossreference names around specific professional groups and themes will prove equally invaluable to researchers. *Filming the Nation* Troubador Publishing Ltd A free ebook version of this title is available



through Luminos, University of California Press's Open Access publishing program. Visit [www.luminoso.org](http://www.luminoso.org) to learn more. Melodrama films dominated the North and South Korean industries in the period between liberation from Japanese colonial rule in 1945 and the hardening of dictatorship in the 1970s. The films of each industry are often read as direct reflections of Cold War and Korean War political ideologies and national historical experiences, and

therefore as aesthetically and politically opposed to each other. However, *Political Moods* develops a comparative analysis across the Cold War divide, analyzing how films in both North and South Korea convey political and moral ideas through the sentimentality of the melodramatic mode. Travis Workman reveals that the melancholic moods of film melodrama express the somatic and social conflicts between political ideologies and excesses of affect,

meaning, and historical references. These moods dramatize the tension between the language of Cold War politics and the negative affects that connect cinema to what it cannot fully represent. The result is a new way of historicizing the cinema of the two Koreas in relation to colonialism, postcolonialism, war, and nation building. [The Cinema of Francesco Rosi](#) Cambridge University Press Italian cinemas after the war were filled by audiences who had come

to watch domestically-produced films of passion and pathos. These highly emotional and consciously theatrical melodramas posed moral questions with stylish flair, redefining popular ways of feeling about romance, family, gender, class, Catholicism, Italy, and feeling itself. The Operatic and the Everyday in Postwar Italian Film Melodrama argues for the centrality of melodrama to Italian culture. It uncovers a wealth of films rarely discussed before including family

melodramas, the crime stories of neorealismo popolare and opera films, and provides interpretive frameworks that position them in wider debates on aesthetics and society. The book also considers the well-established topics of realism and arthouse auteurism, and re-thinks film history by investigating the presence of melodrama in neorealism and post-war modernism. It places film within its broader cultural context to trace the connections of canonical melodramatists like

Visconti and Matarazzo to traditions of opera, the musical theatre of the sceneggiata, visual arts, and magazines. In so doing it seeks to capture the artistry and emotional experiences found within a truly popular form. *Breakout Nations: In Pursuit of the Next Economic Miracles* Routledge Taiwan is a peculiar place resulting in a peculiar cinema, with Hou Hsiao-hsien being its most remarkable product. Hou's signature long and static shots almost invite

critics to give auteurist readings of his films, often privileging the analysis of cinematic techniques at the expense of the context from which Hou emerges. In this pioneering study, James Udden argues instead that the Taiwanese experience is the key to understanding Hou's art. The convoluted history of Taiwan in the last century has often rendered fixed social and political categories irrelevant. Changing circumstances have forced the people in Taiwan to be hyperaware

of how imaginary identity—above all national identity—is. Hou translates this larger state of affairs in such masterpieces as *City of Sadness*, *The Puppetmaster*, and *Flowers of Shanghai*, which capture and perhaps even embody the elusive, slippery contours of the collective experience of the islanders. Making extensive uses of Chinese sources from Taiwan, the author shows how important the local matters for this globally

recognized director. In this new edition of *No Man an Island*, James Udden charts a new chapter in the evolving art of Hou Hsiao-hsien, whose latest film, *The Assassin*, earned him the Best Director Award at the Cannes Film Festival in 2015. Hou breaks new ground in turning the classic wuxia genre into a vehicle to express his unique insight into the working of history. The unconventional approach to conventions is quintessential Hou Hsiao-hsien. "An excellent and

groundbreaking volume. This book's very precise analyses of the films as well as their context make it the primary source for any scholar working on Hou in English." —Chris Berry, King's College London "In this first book-length study on Hou Hsiao-hsien James Udden illuminates the most intriguing yet mystifying filmmaker in world cinema. No Man an Island is without doubt a major contribution to the fields of Chinese-language cinema and film studies." —Emilie Yueh-yu Yeh,

Lingnan University, Hong Kong  
**Revolutionary Desire in Italian Cinema**  
 Routledge  
 In *The Transatlantic Gaze*, Mary Ann McDonald Carolan documents the sustained and profound artistic impact of Italian directors, actors, and screenwriters on American film. Working across a variety of genres, including neorealism, comedy, the Western, and the art film, Carolan explores how and why American directors from Woody Allen to Quentin

Tarantino have adapted certain Italian trademark techniques and motifs. Allen's *To Rome with Love* (2012), for example, is an homage to the genius of Italian filmmakers, and to Federico Fellini in particular, whose *Lo sceicco bianco/The White Sheik* (1952) also resonates with Allen's *The Purple Rose of Cairo* (1985) as well as with Neil LaBute's *Nurse Betty* (2000). Tarantino's *Kill Bill* saga (2003, 2004) plays off elements of Sergio Leone's spaghetti Western *C'era una volta il*

West/Once Upon a Time in the West (1968), a transatlantic conversation about the Western that continues in Tarantino's Oscar-winning Django Unchained (2012). Lee Daniels's Precious (2009) and Spike Lee's Miracle at St. Anna (2008), meanwhile, demonstrate that the neorealism of Roberto Rossellini and Vittorio De Sica, which arose from the political and economic exigencies of postwar Italy, is an effective vehicle for critiquing social issues such as poverty and

racism in a contemporary American context. The book concludes with an examination of American remakes of popular Italian films, a comparison that offers insight into the similarities and differences between the two cultures and the transformations in genre, both subtle and obvious, that underlie this form of cross-cultural exchange. *The Age of New Waves* Oxford University Press THE ITALIAN CINEMA BOOK is an essential guide to the most important historical,

aesthetic and cultural aspects of Italian cinema, from 1895 to the present day. With contributions from 39 leading international scholars, the book is structured around six chronologically organised sections: THE SILENT ERA (1895-22) THE BIRTH OF THE TALKIES AND THE FASCIST ERA (1922-45) POSTWAR CINEMATIC CULTURE (1945-59) THE GOLDEN AGE OF ITALIAN CINEMA (1960-80) AN AGE OF CRISIS, TRANSITION AND CONSOLIDATION (1981 TO THE PRESENT) NEW

DIRECTIONS IN CRITICAL APPROACHES TO ITALIAN CINEMA Acutely aware of the contemporary 'rethinking' of Italian cinema history, Peter Bondanella has brought together a diverse range of essays which represent the cutting edge of Italian film theory and criticism. This provocative collection will provide the film student, scholar or enthusiast with a comprehensive understanding of the major developments in what might be called twentieth-century Italy's

greatest and most original art form. *After Fellini* JHU Press International Bestseller One of Foreign Policy's "21 Books to Read in 2012" A Publishers Weekly Top 10 Business Book "The best book on global economic trends I've read in a while."—Fareed Zakaria, CNN GPS To identify the economic stars of the future we should abandon the habit of extrapolating from the recent past and lumping wildly diverse countries together. We need to remember that

sustained economic success is a rare phenomenon. After years of rapid growth, the most celebrated emerging markets—Brazil, Russia, India, and China—are about to slow down. Which countries will rise to challenge them? In his best-selling book, writer and investor Ruchir Sharma identifies which countries are most likely to leap ahead and why, drawing insights from time spent on the ground and detailed demographic, political, and economic analysis.

With a new chapter on America's future economic prospects, Breakout Nations offers a captivating picture of the shifting balance of global economic power among emerging nations and the West.

*Italy and the Military*

Berghahn Books

The media vampire has roots throughout the world, far beyond the shores of the usual Dracula-inspired Anglo-American archetypes. Depending on text and context, the vampire is a figure of anxiety and

comfort, humor and fear, desire and revulsion. These dichotomies gesture the enduring prevalence of the vampire in mass culture; it can no longer articulate a single feeling or response, bound by time and geography, but is many things to many people. With a global perspective, this collection of essays offers something new and different: a much needed counter-narrative of the vampire's evolution in popular culture. Divided by geography, this text emphasizes the vampiric

as a globetrotting citizen du monde rather than an isolated monster.

Italian Style U of Nebraska Press

This collection is based on the papers given at a conference at the University of Nottingham in September 2005. The conference was intended to explore Rome as a site for the making of films, and also its changing role as a setting for cinematic narrative. The resulting collection of essays will contribute to the burgeoning genre of studies on cinema and the

city, by focusing on one particularly rich case study both for the nature of the films discussed, and the complexities of the city and its representation. The volume will also reach beyond film studies in so far as the subject draws on and informs other approaches to Rome's cultural history (geography, art history, urban history, classics). The essays address topics ranging from the interwar period to the present. A diverse set of cinematic

interactions and interventions are placed within the context of the evolving architectural, social and political fabric of Rome in a period of rapid and often traumatic historical change. Implicit in the conception of the conference was the idea that cinematic representations of the city inherit and rework established habits of visualisation used to produce images of the Eternal city. Three other tropes which constitute key elements in Rome's international reputation

can be seen as being embedded in cinematic narratives. Firstly, the trope of transformation - artistic, narratives. Firstly, the trope of transformation -artistic, psychological, spiritual; secondly, the city's reputation as a cosmopolitan crossroad. Thirdly, Rome's status as a locus classicus for the juxtaposition of the ancient and the modern, which was given a new relevance and complexity in films which sought to focus on aspects of contemporary life, be it in



the Fascist era, or the extreme contrasts of poverty and international bohemianism of the postwar era.

**A Companion to Film Comedy**

McFarland The Cinema of Ettore Scola makes Scola accessible to English-reading audiences and helps readers better understand his film style, the major themes of his work, and the representations of twentieth-century Italian history in his films. Italian Cinema from the Silent Screen to the

Digital Image Springer Revolutionary Desire in Italian Cinema is the first book to draw on psychoanalytical concepts and film theories to examine the critical tendency of Italian cinema and the way in which auteur Italian filmmakers have expressed their counter-ideological thought and criticism against Italian society. The book examines how by being committed to Italian social reality, Italian cinema expresses a desire for revolt against the status quo and the

dominant ideological order. Taking as case studies Bernardo Bertolucci's *Prima della rivoluzione*, Marco Bellocchio's *I pugni in tasca*, Pier Paolo Pasolini's *Porcile*, Nanni Moretti's *Ecce Bombo* and *La messa è finita*, the book relies on socio-historiographical theories through which Luana Ciavola discusses how plot and characters create a sense of revolt against the both social order and values such as family, religion and bourgeois ethics. The book confirms

the central role of Italian cinema in a historical and political context, insofar as it includes a substantial background which highlights aspects of Italian history never considered before in a study on Italian cinema. *Revolutionary Desire in Italian Cinema* is aimed at academics, researchers, undergraduate and postgraduate students and all lovers of Italian cinema.

*The Supernatural Sublime*  
 Bloomsbury Publishing  
 USA  
 Charting the development

of the 'Heimatfilm', Johannes von Moltke focuses on its heyday in the 1950s. Questions of what it could mean to call the German nation 'home' after World War II are present in these films and Moltke uses them as a lens to view contemporary discourses on German national identity.

No Man an Island Hong Kong University Press  
 A fascinating look at one of the most experimental, volatile, and influential decades, Film, Fashion, and the 1960s, examines the numerous ways in

which film and fashion intersected and affected identity expression during the era. From *A Hard Day's Night* to *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, from the works of Ingmar Bergman to Blake Edwards, the groundbreaking cinema of the 1960s often used fashion as the ultimate expression for urbanity, youth, and political (un)awareness. Crumbling hierarchies brought together previously separate cultural domains, and these blurred boundaries could be seen in unisex fashions

and roles played out on the silver screen. As this volume amply demonstrates, fashion in films from Italy, France,

England, Sweden, India, and the United States helped portray the rapidly changing faces of this cultural avant-gardism. This blending of fashion

and film ultimately created a new aesthetic that continues to influence the fashion and media of today.

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