

Cinema E Pubblico Lo Spettacolo Filmico In Italia

Over the past decade, as digital media has expanded and print outlets have declined, pundits have bemoaned a “crisis of criticism” and mourned the “death of the critic.” Now that well-paying jobs in film criticism have largely evaporated, while blogs, message boards, and social media have given new meaning to the saying that “everyone’s a critic,” urgent questions have emerged about the status and purpose of film criticism in the twenty-first

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century. In *Film Criticism in the Digital Age*, ten scholars from across the globe come together to consider whether we are witnessing the extinction of serious film criticism or seeing the start of its rebirth in a new form. Drawing from a wide variety of case studies and methodological perspectives, the book's contributors find many signs of the film critic's declining clout, but they also locate surprising examples of how critics—whether moonlighting bloggers or salaried writers—have been able to intervene in current popular discourse about arts and culture. In addition to collecting a plethora

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of scholarly perspectives, *Film Criticism in the Digital Age* includes statements from key bloggers and print critics, like Armond White and Nick James. Neither an uncritical celebration of digital culture nor a jeremiad against it, this anthology offers a comprehensive look at the challenges and possibilities that the Internet brings to the evaluation, promotion, and explanation of artistic works. 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

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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

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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. This study considers Italian filmmaking during the Fascist era and offers an original and revealing approach to the interwar

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years. Steven Ricci directly confronts a long-standing dilemma faced by cultural historians: while made during a period of totalitarian government, these films are neither propagandistic nor openly "Fascist." Instead, the Italian Fascist regime attempted to build ideological consensus by erasing markers of class and regional difference and by circulating terms for an imaginary national identity. Cinema and Fascism investigates the complex relationship between the totalitarian regime and Italian cinema. It looks at the films themselves, the industry, and the

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role of cinema in daily life, and offers new insights into this important but neglected period in cinema history.

"Francesco Rosi (1922-2015) occupies a unique place in postwar Italian, indeed postwar world cinema. His films show a consistent formal balance while representing historical events as social emblems that examine, shape, and reflect the national identity. This important body of work, which has made a vital mark on the works of directors like Martin Scorsese remains to be examined for the English-speaking audience. This study addresses Rosi's films as

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mosaics fashioned out of "clips" collected from the various stages of production, most specifically from the director's own archival materials. My approach situates each film in its artistic and cultural context, but also attends to the specific forms and ethical commitment that characterize each film"--

Vampires in Italian Cinema,
1956-1975

Operatic and the Everyday in
Postwar Italian Film Melodrama

Eurotrash and Exploitation

Cinema Since 1945

Italian Post-Neorealist Cinema

British Cinema, Past and Present

New Neapolitan Cinema

This collection of essays charts the shifting representation of World War II in Italian literature and film from 1943 to the present. The essays examine film genre, cultural history, gender, the Holocaust, emotion studies, shame theory, and environmental studies. From the 1930s to the 50s in Italy commercial cultural products were transformed by new reproductive technologies and ways of marketing and distribution, and the appetite for radio, films, music and magazines boomed. This book uses new evidence to explore possible continuities between the uses of mass culture before

and after World War II. From two distinguished academics, this book includes contributions from top scholars such as Richard Dyer, and brings together key writings and new perspectives on stars and stardom in cinema across the world. Italian cinema triumphed globally in the 1960, with directors such as Rossellini, Fellini, and Leone, and actors like Sophia Loren and Marcello Mastroianni known to audiences around the world. But by the end of the 1980s, the Italian film industry was all but dead. The Rise and Fall of the Italian Film Industry traces

the rise of the industry from its origins in the 19th century to its worldwide success in the 1960s, and its rapid decline in the subsequent decades. It does so by looking at cinema as an institution - subject to the interplay between the spheres of art, business, and politics at the national and international level. By examining the roles of a wide range of stakeholders (including film directors, producers, exhibitors, the public, and the critics) as well as the system of funding and the influence of governments, author Marina Nicoli demonstrates that the Italian

film industry succeeded when all three spheres were aligned, but suffered and ultimately failed when they each pursued contradictory objectives. This in-depth case study makes an important contribution to the long-standing debate about promoting and protecting domestic cultures, particularly in the face of culturally dominant and politically- and economically-powerful creative industries from the United States. The Rise and Fall of the Italian Film Industry will be of particular interest to business and economic historians, cinema historians, media specialists, and cultural

economists.

European Film Music

Cinema and Fascism

Popular Culture

World War II in Italian

Literature and Film

Cinema, Gender, and Everyday

Space

Italian Cinema, 1922-1943

This book brings to the surface the lines of experimentation and artistic renewal appearing after the exhaustion of Neorealism, mapping complex areas of interest such as the emergence of ethical concerns, the relationship between ideology and representati

The present volume deals with popular culture from an interdisciplinary perspective. Popular culture, as an important part of the public sphere, has attracted the interest of social

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scientists for many decades; however, most studies tend to rely on the anthropological perspective or, less commonly, on the sociological perspective. This edited volume breaks down disciplinary barriers to bring together a plethora of methodological and theoretical approaches to the study of popular culture. Moreover, the volume will foster dialogue between international scholars conducting research on the topic.

Selected papers presented at the Italy on Screen Conference, held at the Institute of Germanic and Romance Studies, University of London, in 2007. Commedia all'italiana, or Comedy, Italian style, became popular at a time of great social change. This book, utilizing comedies produced in Italy from 1958-70, examines the genre's representation of gender in the

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everyday spaces of beaches and nightclubs, offices, cars, and kitchens, through the exploration of key spatial motifs.

Nino Rota

Antonio Pietrangeli, the Director of Women

Italian Cinema Audiences

Mass Culture and Italian Society from Fascism to the Cold War

Resistance, Heroism, Loss

Popular Italian Cinema

We know a lot about the directors and stars of Italian cinema's heyday, from Roberto Rossellini to Sophia Loren. But what do we know about the Italian audiences that went to see their films?

Based on the AHRC-funded project 'Italian Cinema Audiences 1945-60', Italian Cinema Audiences: Histories and

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Memories of Cinema-going in Post-war Italy draws upon the rich data collected by the project team (160 video interviews and 1000+ written questionnaires gathered from Italians aged 65 and over; archival material related to cinema distribution, exhibition and programming, box-office figures, and critical discussions of cinema from film journals and popular magazines of the period). For the first time, cinema's role in everyday Italian life, and its affective meaning when remembered by older people, are enriched with industrial analyses of the booming Italian film sector of the period, as well as contextual data from popular and specialized magazines.

Revolutionary Desire in Italian

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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

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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.

Miguel Mera and David Burnand present a volume that explores specific European filmic texts, composers and approaches to

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film scoring that have hitherto been neglected. Films involving British, French, German, Greek, Irish, Italian, Polish and Spanish composers are considered in detail. Important issues that permeate all the essays involve the working relationship of composer and director, the dialectic between the diegetic and non-diegetic uses of music in films, the music-image synergism and the levels of realism that are created by the audio-visual mix. The end of the Second World War saw the emergence of neorealist film in Italy. In Italian Neorealist Cinema, Christopher Wagstaff analyses three neorealist films that have had significant influence on filmmakers around the world. Wagstaff treats these

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films as assemblies of sounds and images rather than as representations of historical reality. If Roberto Rossellini's *Roma città aperta* and *Paisà*, and Vittorio De Sica's *Ladri di biciclette* are still, half a century after they were made, among the most highly valued artefacts in the history of cinema, Wagstaff suggests that this could be due to the aesthetic and rhetorical qualities of their assembled narratives, performances, locations, lighting, sound, *mise en scène*, and montage. This volume begins by situating neorealist cinema in its historical, industrial, commercial and cultural context, and makes available for the first time a large amount of data on post-war Italian cinema. Wagstaff

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offers a theoretical discussion of what it means to treat realist films as aesthetic artefacts before moving on to the core of the book, which consists of three studies of the films under discussion. Italian Neorealist Cinema not only offers readers in Film Studies and Italian Studies a radically new perspective on neorealist cinema and the Italian art cinema that followed it, but theorises and applies a method of close analysis of film texts for those interested in aesthetics and rhetoric, as well as cinema in general.

The Rise and Fall of the Italian
Film Industry

Historical Dictionary of Italian
Cinema

Italy on Screen

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Cinema e pubblico. Lo spettacolo filmico in Italia, 1945-1965. (II edizione.).

The Film Reader

International Film Musical

When Benito Mussolini proclaimed that "Cinema is the strongest weapon," he was telling only half the story. In reality, very few feature films during the Fascist period can be labeled as propaganda. Re-viewing Fascism considers the many films that failed as "weapons" in creating cultural consensus and instead came to reflect the complexities and contradictions of Fascist culture. The volume also examines the connection between cinema of the Fascist period and neorealism--ties that many scholars previously had denied in an attempt to

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view Fascism as an unfortunate deviation in Italian history. The postwar directors Luchino Visconti, Roberto Rossellini, and Vittorio de Sica all had important roots in the Fascist era, as did the Venice Film Festival. While government censorship loomed over Italian filmmaking, it did not prevent frank depictions of sexuality and representations of men and women that challenged official gender policies. Re-viewing Fascism brings together scholars from different cultural and disciplinary backgrounds as it offers an engaging and innovative look into Italian cinema, Fascist culture, and society.

Whether defined by the comic excesses of Spanish director Alex de la Iglesia, the cult horrors of Black Emanuelle

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and the Italian 'Nunspolitation' movie, or the surreal vampire experimentations of Jean Rollin, trash and exploitation cinema represents the alternative face of European film. Although extremely popular with post-war audiences, these historically significant traditions of 'Eurotrash' have often been ridiculed or ignored by an established film criticism eager to define 'legitimate' European cinema as either avant-garde or socially realist. Alternative Europe: Eurotrash and Exploitation Cinema Since 1945 investigates these previously under-explored national traditions of film culture, with essays and festival reports uncovering the social and cultural trends and tensions within a wide range of European exploitation movies.

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Exciting new critical perspectives on popular Italian cinema including melodrama, poliziesco, the mondo film, the sex comedy, missionary cinema and the musical. The book interrogates the very meaning of popular cinema in Italy to give a sense of its complexity and specificity in Italian cinema, from early to contemporary cinema.

Italian cinema gave rise to a number of the best-known films of the postwar years, from *Rome Open City* to *Bicycle Thieves*. And although some Neorealist film-makers would have preferred to abolish stars altogether, the public adored them and producers needed their help in relaunching the national film industry. This book explores the many conflicts that arose in Italy

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between 1945 and 1953 over stars and stardom, offering intimate studies of the careers of both well-known and less familiar figures, shedding new light on the close relationship forged between cinema and society during a time of political transition and shifting national identities.

The Cinema of Economic Miracles
American Intervention, Vatican
Interests

A Companion to Italian Cinema
National Identity and Italian Imaginary
Stars

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filmico in Italia 1945-1965

*DIVA sophisticated theoretical
treatment of post-war Italian
Cinema./div*

The Historical Dictionary of Italian

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Cinema provides a better understanding of the role Italian cinema has played in film history through a chronology, an introductory essay, a bibliography, appendixes, black-&-white photos, and hundreds of cross-referenced dictionary entries on actors, actresses, movies, producers, organizations, awards, film credits, and terminology.

La storia dello spettacolo filmico in Italia dal '45 al '65 è la storia stessa del periodo decisivo del nostro cinema: sono i vent'anni di "Roma città aperta" e della "Dolce vita", di "Umberto D." e di "Senso", di Totò delle "maggiorate", di "Don Camillo", di "Rocco e i suoi fratelli"; e di Sordi,

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De Sica, Antonioni, Rosi. E soprattutto sono gli anni in cui – in un arco che dal neorealismo arriva alla cosiddetta commedia all’italiana e alla crescente estensione del fenomeno divistico – si fissano i temi fondamentali della cultura cinematografica: il rapporto tra film e politica, tra “impegno” e “successo”, tra popolarità e spettacolarità. E ancora: le questioni del pubblico, del mercato, della distribuzione, dell’industria della produzione. Vittorio Spinazzola affronta l’argomento secondo un duplice, complementare punto di vista: da un lato – secondo una chiave efficacemente marxiana – egli si affida a un atteggiamento di costante

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“globalità”, secondo il quale ogni discorso su cinema e film non può non rimandare alle strutture economiche e all’intero quadro della attività artistica (e ciò gli consente, in particolare, di portare in luce le ragioni e i nodi del progressivo assestarsi della nostra cinematografia su prodotti prevalentemente di massa, a svantaggio di opere autenticamente popolari). Dall’altro, Spinazzola mira a una ricerca che non abbia nulla di erudito, né di astrattamente specialistico, e che, piuttosto, faccia emergere con il massimo di concretezza dati, personaggi, scene e volti famosi. Il che significa anche una scrittura chiara e accattivante, un’atmosfera di scoperta curiosa,

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intelligente, vivace.

Written by leading figures in the field, A Companion to Italian Cinema re-maps Italian cinema studies, employing new perspectives on traditional issues, and fresh theoretical approaches to the exciting history and field of Italian cinema.

Offers new approaches to Italian cinema, whose importance in the post-war period was unrivalled Presents a theory based approach to historical and archival material Includes work by both established and more recent scholars, with new takes on traditional critical issues, and new theoretical approaches to the exciting history and field of Italian cinema Covers recent issues such as

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*feminism, stardom, queer cinema,
immigration and postcolonialism, self-
reflexivity and postmodernism,
popular genre cinema, and
digitalization A comprehensive
collection of essays addressing the
prominent films, directors and
cinematic forms of Italian cinema,
which will become a standard
resource for academic and non-
academic purposes alike*

*Italian Film Stardom in the Age of
Neorealism*

A History of Italian Cinema

*Essays on an Adventurous Film
Practice*

Comedy, Italian Style

Cinema of Exploration

Histories and Memories of Cinema-

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going in Post-war Italy

In *MAFIA REPUBLIC*, John Dickie, Professor of Italian Studies at University College, London and author of the international bestsellers *COSA NOSTRA* and *MAFIA BROTHERHOODS*, shows how the Italian mafias have grown in power and become more and more interconnected, with terrifying consequences. In 1946, Italy became a democratic Republic, thereby entering the family of modern western nations. But deep within Italy there lurked a forgotten curse: three major criminal brotherhoods, whose methods had been honed over a

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century of experience. As Italy grew, so did the mafias. Sicily's Cosa Nostra, the camorra from Naples, and the mysterious 'ndrangheta from Calabria stood ready to enter the wealthiest and bloodiest period of their long history. Italy made itself rich by making scooters, cars and handbags. The mafias carved out their own route to wealth through tobacco smuggling, construction, kidnapping and narcotics. And as criminal business grew exponentially, the mafias grew not just more powerful, but became more interconnected. By the 1980s, Southern Italy was on

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*the edge of becoming a narco-
state. The scene was set for
a titanic confrontation
between heroic
representatives of the law,
and mafiosi who could no
longer tolerate any obstacle
to their ambitions. This was
a war for Italy's future as
a civilized country. At its
peak in 1992-93, the
'ndrangheta was beheading
people in the street, and
the Sicilian mafia murdered
its greatest enemies,
investigating magistrates
Giovanni Falcone and Paolo
Borsellino, before embarking
on a major terrorist bombing
campaign on the Italian
mainland. Today, the long
shadow of mafia history*

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still hangs over a nation wracked by debt, political paralysis, and widespread corruption. While police put their lives on the line every day, one of Silvio Berlusconi's ministers said that Italy had to 'learn to live with the mafia'; suspicions of mafia involvement still surround some of the country's most powerful media moguls and politicians. The latest investigations show that its reach is astonishing: it controls much of Europe's wholesale cocaine trade, and representatives from as far away as Germany, Canada and Australia come to Calabria to seek authorisation for

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their affairs. Just when it thought it had finally contained the mafia threat, Italy is now discovering that it harbours the most global criminal network of them all.

A History of Italian Cinema, 2nd edition is the much anticipated update from the author of the bestselling Italian Cinema - which has been published in four landmark editions and will celebrate its 35th anniversary in 2018.

Building upon decades of research, Peter Bondanella and Federico Pacchioni reorganize the current History in order to keep the book fresh and responsive

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not only to the actual films being created in Italy in the twenty-first century but also to the rapidly changing priorities of Italian film studies and film scholars. The new edition brings the definitive history of the subject, from the birth of cinema to the present day, up to date with a revised filmography as well as more focused attention on the melodrama, the crime film, and the historical drama. The book is expanded to include a new generation of directors as well as to highlight themes such as gender issues, immigration, and media politics. Accessible, comprehensive,

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and heavily illustrated throughout, this is an essential purchase for any fan of Italian film.

Drawing together 18 contributions from leading international scholars, this book conceptualizes the history and theory of cinema's century-long relationship to modes of exploration in its many forms, from colonialist expeditions to decolonial radical cinemas to the perceptual voyage of the senses made possible by the cinematic apparatus. This is the first anthology dedicated to analysing cinema's relationship to exploration from a global,

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decolonial, and ecological perspective. Featuring leading scholars working with pathbreaking interdisciplinary methodologies (drawing on insights from science and technology studies, postcolonial theory, indigenous ways of knowing, and film theory and history), it theorizes not only cinema's implication in imperial conquest but also its cutting-edge role in empirical expansion and experiments in sensual and critical perception. The collected essays consider filmmaking in cross-cultural contexts and films made in or about peoples in South

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America, Asia, Africa, Indigenous North America, as well as polar, outer space, and underwater exploration, with famous figures such as Jacques Yves Cousteau alongside amateur and scientific filmmakers. The essays in this collection are ideal for a broad range of scholars, graduate students, and advanced undergraduate students in cinema and media studies, cultural studies, and cognate fields.

Nino Rota is one of the most important composers in the history of cinema. Both popular and prolific, he wrote some of the most cherished and memorable of

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all film music - for The Godfather Parts I and II, The Leopard, the Zeffirelli Shakespeares, nearly all of Fellini and for more than 140 popular Italian movies. Yet his music does not quite work in the way that we have come to assume music in film works: it does not seek to draw us in and identify, nor to overwhelm and excite us. In itself, in its pretty but reticent melodies, its at once comic and touching rhythms, and in its relation to what's on screen, Rota's music is close and affectionate towards characters and events but still restrained, not detached but ironically

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attached. In this major new study of Rota's film career, Richard Dyer gives a detailed account of Rota's aesthetic, suggesting it offers a new approach to how we understand both film music and feeling and film more broadly. He also provides a first full account in English of Rota's life and work, linking it to notions of plagiarism and pastiche, genre and convention, irony and narrative. Rota's practice is related to some of the major ways music is used in film, including the motif, musical reference, underscoring and the difference between diegetic

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and non-diegetic music, revealing how Rota both conforms to and undermines standard conceptions. In addition, Dyer considers the issue of gay cultural production, Rota's favourite genre, comedy, and his productive collaboration with the director Federico Fellini.

Revolutionary Desire in Italian Cinema

Fame Amid the Ruins

Music, Film and Feeling

Visuality and Modernization in the Italian Art Film

Italian Film and Society, 1922-1943

Mafia Republic: Italy's

Criminal Curse. Cosa Nostra,

'Ndrangheta and Camorra from

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1946 to the Present

This book focuses on the involvement of the United States and the Vatican in the Italian film industry between 1945 and 1960. Gennari analyzes the tensions between economic (film industry), political (government) and ideological pressures.

The Italian cinema is regarded as one of the great pillars of world cinema. Films like *Ladri di biciclette* (1948), *La dolce vita* (1960), and *Nuovo cinema Paradiso* (1988) attracted unprecedented international acclaim and a reputation, which only continue to grow. Italian cinema has produced such acting legends as Sophia Loren and Roberto Benigni, as well as world-renowned filmmakers like Federico Fellini, Sergio Leone, Mario Bava,

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Dario Argento, and Lina Wertmüller, the first woman to ever be nominated for the Best Director award. The A to Z of Italian Cinema provides a better understanding of the role Italian cinema has played in film history through a chronology, an introductory essay, a bibliography, appendixes, black-&-white photos, and hundreds of cross-referenced dictionary entries on actors, actresses, movies, producers, organizations, awards, film credits, and terminology.

A unique study of the film musical, a global cinema tradition.

Demonstrates how and why the transnational figure of the vampire was appropriated by Italian genre filmmakers between 1956 and 1975.

The Routledge Companion to New

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Cinema History

Alternative Europe

Feminism and Film Theory in Postwar
Italian Cinema

Film Criticism in the Digital Age

The Cinema of Francesco Rosi

A Reader

*The Routledge Companion to
New Cinema History presents
the most recent approaches
and methods in the study of
the social experience of
cinema, from its origins in
vaudeville and traveling
exhibitions to the
multiplexes of today.*

*Exploring its history from
the perspective of the
cinemagoer, the study of new
cinema history examines the
circulation and consumption*

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of cinema, the political and legal structures that underpinned its activities, the place that it occupied in the lives of its audiences and the traces that it left in their memories. Using a broad range of methods from the statistical analyses of box office economics to ethnography, oral history, and memory studies, this approach has brought about an undisputable change in how we study cinema, and the questions we ask about its history. This companion examines the place, space, and practices of film exhibition and programming; the questions of gender and

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ethnicity within the cinematic experience; and the ways in which audiences gave meaning to cinemagoing practices, specific films, stars, and venues, and its operation as a site of social and cultural exchange from Detroit and Laredo to Bandung and Chennai.

Contributors demonstrate how the digitization of source materials and the use of digital research tools have enabled them to map previously unexplored aspects of cinema's business and social history and undertake comparative analysis of the diversity of the social experience of cinema across regional,

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national, and continental boundaries. With contributions from leading scholars in the field, The Routledge Companion to New Cinema History enlarges and refines our understanding of cinema's place in the social history of the twentieth century.

The New Neapolitan Cinema provides close analysis of the whole of this movement, which stands as one of the most vital and stimulating currents in contemporary European Cinema.

The most popular film genre during the golden years of Italian cinema, the Comedy Italian Style emerged after the fall of the Facist

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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.

This book re-examines the films of Antonio Pietrangeli, one of the founding fathers of neorealism in the postwar period in Italy, from a feminist perspective. Of the ten full-length films completed by Antonio Pietrangeli, eight featured a female protagonist. This attention to the female subject is noteworthy today,

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*much less in the 1950s and
1960s.*

*The A to Z of Italian Cinema
Comedy Italian Style*

Italian Neorealist Cinema

Re-viewing Fascism

Post-War Italian Cinema

An Aesthetic Approach

This volume investigates the ways in which Italian women writers, filmmakers, and performers have represented female identity across genres from the immediate post-World War II period to the turn of the twenty-first century.

Considering genres such

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as prose, poetry, drama, and film, these essays examine the vision of female agency and self-actualization arising from women artists' critique of female identity. This dual approach reveals unique interpretations of womanhood in Italy spanning more than fifty years, while also providing a deep investigation of the manipulation of canvases historically centered on the male subject. With its unique coupling of

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generic and thematic concerns, the volume contributes to the ever expanding female artistic legacy, and to our understanding of postwar Italian women's evolving relationship to the narration of history, gender roles, and these artists' use and revision of generic convention to communicate their vision.

British Cinema: Past and Present responds to the commercial and critical success of British film

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in the 1990s. Providing a historical perspective to the contemporary resurgence of British cinema, this unique anthology brings together leading international scholars to investigate the rich diversity of British film production, from the early sound period of the 1930s to the present day. The contributors address: * British Cinema Studies and the concept of national cinema * the distribution and

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reception of British
films in the US and
Europe * key genres,
movements and cycles of
British cinema in the
1940s, 50s and 60s *
questions of authorship
and agency, with case
studies of individual
studios, stars,
producers and directors
* trends in British
cinema, from propaganda
films of the Second
World War to the New
Wave and the 'Swinging
London' films of the
Sixties * the
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marginalised communities in films such as *Trainspotting* and *The Full Monty* * the evolution of social realism from *Saturday Night, Sunday Morning* to *Nil By Mouth* * changing approaches to Northern Ireland and the Troubles in films like *The Long Good Friday* and Alan Clarke's *Elephant* * contemporary 'art' and 'quality' cinema, from heritage drama to the work of Peter Greenaway, Derek Jarman, Terence Davies and Patrick

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