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Politics and Propaganda in United States movies Workshop

The course of History and Institution of United States presents a Workshop on *Protest and Propaganda in United States movies*. Students are welcome to attend.

Participants will need to utilize Netflix, RaiPlay, Youtube and/or Amazon to stream video titles on their own.

During the scheduled online class meetings we will analyze crucial historical aspects of the films, as well as discuss the importance and cultural background of the movies.

Online class meetings will be every Monday at 10.00 o'clock via Teams.

Please contact Prof. Elena Baldassarri for more information.

Program Schedule

The myth of American Unity and military: John Ford, "Cavalry Trilogy"

Monday, 6th December 2021
10.00 am – 12.00 am

Fort Apache
(1948)

She Wore a Yellow Ribbon
(1949)

Rio Grande
(1950)



The Creation of the Lost Cause

Monday, 13rd December 2021
10.00 am – 12.00 am

The Birth of a Nation
(D. W. Griffith, 1915)

Gone with the Wind
(Victor Fleming, 1939)

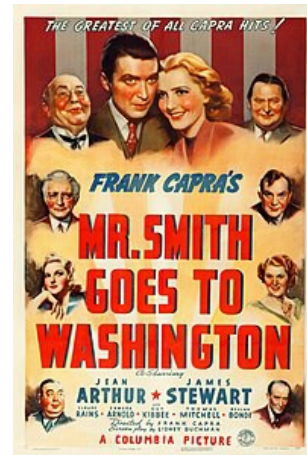


Politics, Relief, and Reform in New Deal movies

Monday, 20th December 2021
10.00 am – 12.00 am

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington
(Frank Capra, 1939)

The Grapes of Wrath
(Ford, 1940)

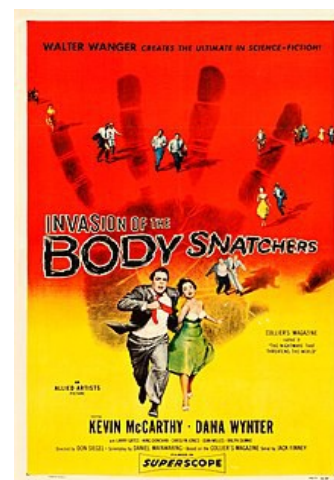


Science Fiction Films and Cold War Anxiety

Monday, 10th January 2022
10.00 am – 12.00 am

Invasion of the Body Snatchers
(Don Siegel, 1956)

Invaders from Mars
(William Cameron Menzies, 1953)



Veterans heroes and victims

Monday, 24th January 2022
10.00 am – 12.00 am

The Best Years of Our Lives
(William Wyler, 1946)

Rambo: First Blood
(Ted Kotcheff, 1982)



For obtaining 1 CFU as formative activities is necessary to watch the films, participate at all the online meetings and prepare a summary essay to be sent to the teacher by email.

If you wish to be added to the seminar's email list, and have the online meeting link please email elena.baldassari@gmail.com