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MODES OF STORIES IN FILMS

Abstract:

Stories (in general, though the seminar will focus on films) are one of the most important ways that societies use to tell their members about themselves, their origins (of both human beings' and that society's), and their values. One way to look at films is to study the way they encapsulate the unconscious mind. Cognitive science attempts to analyze the unconscious is very limited, and currently the most complex way to address the problem is Sigmund's Freud theory about it. From this perspective, this seminar will focus on how films, and stories, may capture the psychological drama that Freud's deemed as the most important of his theory. We will see the evolution of story modes in Western films, and we will also look at Indian films.





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