PAA\$357: Chinese Cinema from Text to Screen

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Course description:

This course looks at some of the most critically and commercially successful films in recent Chinese cinematic history that have been adapted from literary sources. We will begin the semester by reading a selection of fiction from the Republican period that have inspired films produced from the 1930s up to the last decade, such as Ang Lee's 2007 film Lust, Caution, which is based on Eileen Chang's novella. We will also watch examples of socialist era filmmaking and historical dramas adapted from 1990s fiction. The course will conclude with texts about the Cultural Revolution (1966–1976) and Guo Jingming's popular Tiny Times series. Along the way, we will discuss issues of translation, genre, media, censorship, marketing, and globalization, in order to furthe