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Chinese Women's Cinema: Transnational Contexts (Film And Culture Series)



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Synopsis

The first of its kind in English, this collection covers twenty one well established and lesser known female filmmakers from mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and the Chinese diaspora. Sixteen scholars illuminate these filmmakers' negotiations of local and global politics, cinematic representation, and issues of gender and sexuality, covering works from the 1920s to the present. Writing from the disciplines of film, Asian, women's, and auteur studies, contributors reclaim the work of Esther Eng, Tang Shu Shuen, Dong Kena, and Sylvia Chang, among others who have transformed Chinese cinematic modernity. This collection creates a unique transcultural, interdisciplinary conversation on authorship, feminist cinema, transnational gender, and cinematic agency and representation. Lingzhen Wang's comprehensive introduction recounts the history and limitations of established feminist film theory, particularly its relationship with female cinematic authorship and agency. She also reviews critiques of classical feminist film theory, along with recent developments in feminist practice, ultimately remapping feminist film discourse within transnational and interdisciplinary contexts. Wang's subsequent redefinition of women's cinema and brief history of women's cinematic practices in modern China encourage the reader to reposition gender and cinema within a transnational feminist configuration, especially in such a way that power and knowledge are reexamined among and across cultures and nation-states.

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