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## WORKSHOP

### The Cinema of the Maghreb: The Melting Pot and The Pendulum

Facilitator: Dr Stefanie Van de Peer, University of Stirling

Venue: Film Guild, Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Rd, Edinburgh, EH3 9BZ

Date: Saturday 17 May 2014

Time: Registration: 9.30am-10am. Workshop: 10am-4pm (lunch break 1-2pm)

Cost: Admission Free

To register:

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The cinema of the Maghreb was born out of the struggles for independence from France, something that is most evident in film production between the sixties and the eighties. In the last three decades, a pre-occupation with the anti-colonial struggle has given way to issues of class, gender, economic deprivation and the roots of Islamic fundamentalism. Since 2011, the Wave of Revolutions and anti-government campaigns sweeping the Middle East and North Africa, ostensibly started in the Maghreb, inspires films on the historical roots, immediate causes and the people behind the Revolutions.

In this workshop, Dr Stefanie Van de Peer (University of Stirling) will provide an overview of trends and movements in Maghrebi cinema, with a special focus on women's contributions to filmmaking and film history. From 1960s Revolutionary Cinema in Algeria, over Tunisia's Golden Age in the 1980s, to Morocco's New Urban Cinema of the 2000s, the Maghreb has seen a diverse and vibrant evolution in film culture. Richly illustrated with clips and images, this day of cinema history from a neglected area in the Arab world will showcase the most exciting and stand-out performances by directors, actors and festivals, to paint a picture of Maghrebi cinema that reflects the treasure trove hidden beneath the surface of politics and religion.

The workshop is organised by Dr Stefanie Van de Peer (University of Stirling), as part of the Middle Eastern Film Festival (MEFF) in Edinburgh and with the collaboration of the Edinburgh Film Guild.

The workshop is free and open to all, with contributions invited in Q&A and discussion sessions throughout the day. For more information, please contact Dr Van de Peer on [stefanievandeppeer@gmail.com](mailto:stefanievandeppeer@gmail.com)



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