

The MRI & USJ CINEMA FORUM

UNDERSTANDING CHINESE CULTURES THROUGH MOVIES:

FOCUS OF THE YEAR 2019: *INSPIRING MASTERS*

The Macau Ricci Institute in cooperation with the Faculty of Creative Industries of the University of Saint Joseph jointly launch the MRI&USJ CINEMA FORUM which aims to provide a new opportunity to better understand movies whose stories open great insights into traditional and contemporary Chinese cultures. The goal of the Forum which is open to the public is to open different perspectives on a key feature of Confucian Ethics namely the 君子, the morally refined “Master” who inspires others to do good deeds even under the most adverse circumstances. The goal is to help participants not only to understand the story line of the movie and identify the key actors but also to understand the ethical dilemmas the different actors and the Master face.

Time schedule:

12.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Watching the Movie “The Grandmaster”
2.00 p.m. - 2.10 p.m.	Break
2.10 p.m.- 2.30 p.m.	Introduction to key features of the films by Wong Kar-wai
2.30 p.m. – 2.50 p.m.	Discussion in small groups focused on the following questions: a) What is the main story line of the movie? b) What is the meaning of Martial Arts as portrayed in the movie? c) What makes the Grandmaster from the North different from his counterpart from the South? d) What are the distinctive ethical values of a Master which are particularly relevant today? e) Which values of this movie are particularly meaningful for me and my family/ community?
2.50 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.	Plenum and Conclusion with all the participants: insights and questions from the small groups
3.15 p.m.	The Forum ends, refreshments are served.

Language: English. Option of Cantonese for the discussion in small groups.

Place : Don Bosco Auditorium, University of Saint Joseph (Campus Ilha Verde)

Preview of the next MRI & USJ Movie Forums

Zhang Yimou: The Hero

Time: Saturday, 13 July 2019

Feng Xiaogang: Youth

Time: Saturday, 9 November 2019

Moderators

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