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# Abbas Kiarostami And Film Philosophy

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Continental Philosophy Berg  
Abbas Kiarostami's films--Close-  
Up, Life and Nothing More,



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Through the Olive Trees, Taste of Cherry (winner of the 1997 Palme d'Or at Cannes), and Ten--have taken their place alongside the masterworks of world cinema. Yet Kiarostami, the most influential filmmaker of post-revolutionary Iran, has produced a body of work that is as rooted in contemporary Iran as it is universal in appeal. Respected cinema historian Alberto Elena has used Iranian sources wherever possible and sought to frame Kiarostami's oeuvre within the context of the rich artistic and intellectual Persian tradition that has nourished the director. He

and reality, and his recurring themes of death, meaning in life, isolation, solidarity and the lives of women. Kiarostami's career, from his early days as an illustrator and graphic designer to his current master-status, is also explored.

#### Philosophers on Film from Bergson to Badiou Springer Nature

When a work of art shows an interest in its own status as a work of art--either by reference to itself or to other works--we have become accustomed to calling this move meta. While scholars and critics have, for decades, acknowledged

reflexivity in films, it is only in Metacinema, for the first time, that a group of leading and emerging film theorists join to enthusiastically debate the meanings and implications of the meta for cinema. In new essays on generative films, including Rear Window, 8 1/2, Holy Motors, Funny Games, Fight Club, and Clouds of Sils Maria, contributors chart, explore, and advance the ways in which metacinema is at once a mode of filmmaking and a heuristic for studying cinematic attributes. What results is not just an engagement with certain practices and concepts in widespread use in the movies (from Hollywood to

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global cinema, from documentary to the experimental and avant-garde), but also the development of a veritable and vital new genre of film studies. With more and more films expressing reflexivity, recursion, reference to other films, mise-en-abîme, seriality, and exhibiting related intertextual and intermedial traits, the time is overdue for the kind of capacious yet nuanced critical study found in Metacinema.

### **Abbas Kiarostami and**

**Film-Philosophy** Routledge  
Develops an account of non-normative feminist cinematic ethics and a fresh

methodological approach to film-philosophy.

### Reorienting Ozu Springer

Over the past two decades, Abbas Kiarostami - the Iranian film director of *Where is the Friend's House?*, *Life and Nothing More*, *Through the Olive Trees*, *Close Up*, *A Taste of Cherry*, *The Wind Will Carry Us*, *Ten*, *Shirin*, *Certified Copy* and *Like Someone in Love* - has appeared regularly at festivals and on campuses, where he has worked closely for several days with young

filmmakers, shepherding them and their projects, sending them out with cameras, then screening and discussing the results. Pieced together from notes made over a period of nearly ten years at several of these workshops, *Lessons with Kiarostami* is a distillation of Kiarostami's filmmaking techniques and working methods, and most importantly a series of practical guideposts for aspiring filmmakers.

Ambiguity and Film Criticism Edinburgh

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University Press  
The result of  
collaborative  
research from  
noteworthy  
dramatists and  
scholars, this  
volume investigates  
the dynamic  
relationship  
between culture,  
performance and  
theatre in Iran.  
The studies  
gathered here  
examine how various  
forms of  
performances,

especially theatre, show how Iran has  
have and continue  
to undergo change  
in response to  
shifting political  
and social settings  
from the antiquity  
to the present day.  
The analysis in  
this book focuses  
on performance  
practices,  
examining drama,  
texts, rituals,  
plays, music,  
cinema and drama  
technologies. This  
is done in order to

been imagined  
through enactments  
and  
representations,  
and reproduced  
through these  
performative  
actions. The book  
uses a wider  
definition of the  
concept of  
'performance',  
offering analysis  
of a wide range of  
phenomena,  
including  
indigenous rituals

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- such as the naqqali and taziye  
- and online performances by diaspora communities.  
Transcendental Style in Film Univ of California Press  
This book examines the theory, originally raised in Gilles Deleuze's philosophy of film, that cinema has the power to restore our trust in the world. Früchtl

demonstrates that cinema does this in three main ways: by restoring our belief in the absurd, in the body and in a sceptical abstention from judging and acting. Cinema shares this ability with other arts, but what sets it apart in particular is that it evokes Modernity and its principle of subjectivity. This book further

develops the idea of trust and cinema by synthesizing the philosophies of complementary thinkers such as Kant, Nancy, Agamben, Benjamin and Rancière. It concludes with examination of Cavell's solution to the problem of scepticism and a synthesis of Kantian aesthetic theory with Cavellian

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pragmatism. Originally published in German under the title *Vertrauen in die Welt*, this English-language translation features a new introduction that situates Früchtl's work within contemporary analytical philosophy of film. It will be of interest to scholars working in

Continental aesthetics, philosophy of film, and film theory. *Better Living Through Criticism* Columbia University Press  
Have digital technologies transformed cinema into a new art, or do they simply replicate and mimic analogue, film-based cinema? Newly revised and expanded to take

the latest developments into account, *Cinema in the Digital Age* examines the fate of cinema in the wake of the digital revolution. Nicholas Rombes considers *Festen* (1998), *The Blair Witch Project* (1999), *Timecode* (2000), *Russian Ark* (2002), and *The Ring* (2002), among others. Haunted by their analogue

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pasts, these films are interested not in digital purity but rather in imperfection and mistakes—blurry or pixilated images, shaky camera work, and other elements that remind viewers of the human behind the camera. With a new introduction and new material, this updated edition takes a fresh look at the historical and

contemporary state of digital cinema. It pays special attention to the ways in which nostalgia for the look and feel of analogue disrupts the aesthetics of the digital image, as well as how recent films such as *The Social Network* (2010) and *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* (2011)—both shot digitally—have

disguised and erased their digital foundations. The book also explores new possibilities for writing about and theorizing film, such as randomization. **The Sublimity of Document** University of Hawaii Press  
Non-Cinema: Global Digital Film-making and the Multitude provides an original film-philosophy through which to understand low budget

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digital filmmaking exhibitors and argument by looking from around the audiences would not at work by globe. It draws upon consider to be cinema established a wide range of at all, hence "non- filmmakers like Jean- western and non- cinema." Analysing Luc Godard, Abbas western philosophers, numerous films, Kiarostami, Jafar physicists, theorists William Brown argues Panahi and Michael of 'Third Cinema,' that contemporary low-Winterbottom, as well and contemporary film budget digital cinema as lesser known work theorists and film- is also through its from places as philosophers in order digital form a diverse as Asia, the to argue that the political cinema that Middle East, Europe, future of cinema lies suggests that we are the Americas and at the margins, in not detached Africa. the extreme, the observers of the *Conflict and overlooked and the world, but entangled Development in under-funded - the participants Iranian Film sort that therewith. Non-Cinema Routledge distributors, constructs this This volume brings*

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philosophers, art historians, intellectual historians, and literary scholars together to argue for the philosophical significance of Michael Fried's art history and criticism. It demonstrates that Fried's work on modernism, artistic intention, the ontology of art, theatricality, and anti-theatricality can throw new light

on problems in and beyond philosophical aesthetics. Featuring an essay by Fried and articles from world-leading scholars, this collection engages with philosophical themes from Fried's texts, and clarifies the relevance to his work of philosophers such as Ludwig Wittgenstein, Stanley Cavell, Morris Weitz, Elizabeth Anscombe, Arthur Danto, George Dickie, Immanuel

Kant, Friedrich Schiller, G. W. F. Hegel, Arthur Schopenhauer, Friedrich Nietzsche, Denis Diderot, Maurice Merleau-Ponty, Roland Barthes, Jacques Rancière, and Søren Kierkegaard. As it makes a case for the importance of Fried for philosophy, this volume contributes to current debates in analytic and continental aesthetics,

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philosophy of action, with many essays of focus include the philosophy of employing pluralist film medium's history, political approaches to this intersection with philosophy, modernism interdisciplinary contemporary social studies, literary subject. Core areas issues, film's studies, and art treated include film kinship to other art theory. ontology, film forms, and the *Abbas Kiarostami* structure, influence of Penguin psychology, historically seminal This handbook brings authorship, schools of thought in together essays in narrative, and viewer the philosophy of emotion. Emerging film. Of emphasis in film and motion areas of interest, many of the essays is pictures from including virtual the relationship and authorities across reality, video games, overlap of analytic the spectrum. It and nonfictional and and continental boasts contributions autobiographical film perspectives in this from philosophers and also have dedicated subject. film theorists alike, chapters. Other areas *Politics, Theory, and*

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*Film* Routledge  
Gilles Deleuze  
published two radical  
books on film: *Cinema  
1: The Movement-Image*  
and *Cinema 2: The Time-  
Image*. Engaging with a  
wide range of film  
styles, histories and  
theories, Deleuze's  
writings treat film as  
a new form of  
philosophy. This ciné-  
philosophy offers a  
startling new way of  
understanding the  
complexities of the  
moving image, its  
technical concerns and  
constraints as well as  
its psychological and

political outcomes.  
*Deleuze and Cinema*  
presents a step-by-step  
guide to the key  
concepts behind  
Deleuze's revolutionary  
theory of the cinema.  
Exploring ideas through  
key directors and  
genres, Deleuze's  
method is illustrated  
with examples drawn  
from American, British,  
continental European,  
Russian and Asian  
cinema. *Deleuze and  
Cinema* provides the  
first introductory  
guide to Deleuze's  
radical methodology for  
screen analysis. It

will be invaluable for  
students and teachers  
of Film, Media and  
Philosophy.  
**Cinema in the Digital  
Age** Edinburgh  
University Press  
In *Read My Desire*,  
Joan Copjec stages a  
confrontation between  
the theories of  
Jacques Lacan and  
those of Michel  
Foucault, protagonists  
of two powerful modern  
disciplines—psychoanal-  
ysis and historicism.  
Ordinarily, these  
modes of thinking only  
cross paths long  
enough for

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historicists to charge psychoanalysis with an indifference to history, but here psychoanalysis, via Lacan, goes on the offensive. Refusing to cede history to the historicists, Copjec makes a case for the superiority of Lacan's explanation of historical processes and generative principles. Her goal is to inspire a new kind of cultural critique, one that is "literate in desire," and capable of interpreting what is unsaid in the manifold

operations of culture. *Film, Theory and Philosophy* Routledge  
A fascinating exploration of the role new media technologies play in our experience of film.

Lessons with Kiarostami  
Bloomsbury Publishing USA  
Philosophers on Film from Bergson to Badiou is an anthology of

writings on cinema and film by many of the major thinkers in continental philosophy. The book presents a selection of fundamental texts, each accompanied by an introduction and exposition by the editor, Christopher Kul-Want, that places the philosophers within a historical and intellectual framework of

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aesthetic and social thought. Encompassing a range of intellectual traditions—Marxism, phenomenology, psychoanalysis, poststructuralism, gender and affect theories—this critical reader features writings by Bergson, Benjamin, Adorno and Horkheimer, Merleau-Ponty, Baudrillard, Irigaray, Lyotard, Deleuze, Kristeva, Agamben, Žižek, Nancy, Cavell, Rancière, Badiou, Stiegler, and Silverman. Many of the texts discuss cinema as a mass medium; others develop phenomenological analyses of particular films. Reflecting upon the potential of films to challenge dominant forms of ideology, the anthology considers the ways in which they can disrupt the clichés of capitalist images and offer radical possibilities for creating new worlds of visceral experience outside the grasp of habitual forms of knowledge and subjectivity. Ranging from the early silent period of cinema through

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the classics of European and Hollywood cinema to the early twenty-first century, the films discussed offer a vivid sense of these philosophers' concepts and ideas, casting new light on the history of cinema. This reader is an essential and valuable resource for a wide range of courses in film and philosophy.

Non-Cinema Bloomsbury Publishing USA theory in jargon-free language and shows how this theory can be deployed to interpret Agnes Varda's critically acclaimed 1962 film *Cléo* from 5 to 7. Hilary Neroni employs the methodology of looking for a feminist alternative among female-oriented films. Through three key concepts- identification, framing the woman's body, and the female

The Film Theory in Practice series fills a gaping hole in the world of film theory. By marrying the explanation of a film theory with the interpretation of a film, the volumes provide discrete examples of how film theory can serve as the basis for textual analysis. Feminist Film Theory and *Cléo* from 5 to 7 offers a concise introduction

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auteur-Neroni lays bare the debates and approaches within the vibrant history of feminist film theory, providing a point of entry to feminist film theory from its inception to today. Picking up one of the currents in feminist film theory - that of looking for feminist alternatives among female-oriented films - Neroni traces feminist responses to the contradictions inherent in most

representations of women in film, and she details how their responses have intervened in changing what we see on the screen. *Abbas Kiarostami's Cinema of Life* Rowman & Littlefield Publishers Mathew Abbott presents a powerful new film-philosophy through the cinema of Iranian director Abbas Kiarostami. Mathew Abbott argues that Kiarostami's films carry out cinematic

thinking: they do not just illustrate pre-existing philosophical ideas, but do real philosophical work. Crossing the divide between analytic and continental philosophy, he draws on Ludwig Wittgenstein, Stanley Cavell, John McDowell, Alice Crary, Noli Carroll, Giorgio Agamben, and Martin Heidegger, bringing out the thinking at work in Kiarostami's most recent films: *Taste of Cherry*, *The Wind Will Carry Us*, *ABC Africa*, *Ten*, *Five*, *Shirin*,

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Certified Copy, and Like Someone in Love. *Conversations with Kiarostami* EUP

Considered by many film critics as the master of Japanese Cinema, director Ozu Yasujiro still inspires filmmakers both within and outside of Japan. The Cinema of Ozu presents new perspectives on Ozu's aesthetic sensibility and his influence on global art cinema directors.

**Death 24x a Second**

Oxford University Press

Stanley Cavell was, by many accounts, America's greatest philosophical thinker of film. Like Bazin in France and Perkins in England, Cavell did not just transform the American capacity to take film as a subject for philosophical criticism; he had to first invent that legitimacy. Part of

that effort involved the creation of several key now-canonical texts in film studies, among them the seminal *The World Viewed* along with *Pursuits of Happiness* and *Contesting Tears*. The present collection offers, for the first time anywhere, a concerted effort mounted by some of today's most compelling writers on film to take careful account of Cavell's

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legacy. The contributors think anew about what precisely Cavell contributed, what holds up, what is in need to revision or updating, and how his writing continues to be of vital significance and relevance for any contemporary approach to the philosophy of film.

**The Thought of Stanley Cavell and Cinema** Bloomsbury Publishing

Conflict and Development in Iranian film' tells the story of the history and development of Iranian cinema in the light of artistic and philosophical alliance within the Persian visual and poetic tradition. This volume collects eight essays that highlight different aspects of Iranian

film and television series. **Abbas Kiarostami and Film-Philosophy** Routledge Before his death in 2016, Abbas Kiarostami wrote or directed more than thirty films in a career that mirrored Iranian cinema's rise as an international force. His 1997 feature *Taste of Cherry* made him the first Iranian

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filmmaker to win the Palme d'Or at Cannes. Critics' polls continue to place Close-Up (1990) and Through the Olive Trees (1994) among the masterpieces of world cinema. Yet Kiarostami's naturalistic impulses and winding complexity made him one of the most divisive--if influential--filmmakers of his time. In this expanded second edition, award-winning Iranian filmmaker Mehrnaz Saeed-Vafa and film critic Jonathan Rosenbaum renew their illuminating cross-cultural dialogue on Kiarostami's work. The pair chart the filmmaker's late-in-life turn toward art galleries, museums, still photography, and installations. They also bring their distinct but complementary perspectives to a new conversation on the experimental film Shirin. Finally, Rosenbaum offers an essay on watching Kiarostami at home while Saeed-Vafa conducts a deeply personal interview with the director on his career and his final feature, Like Someone in Love.