

# WOMEN IN CHINESE SILENT CINEMA

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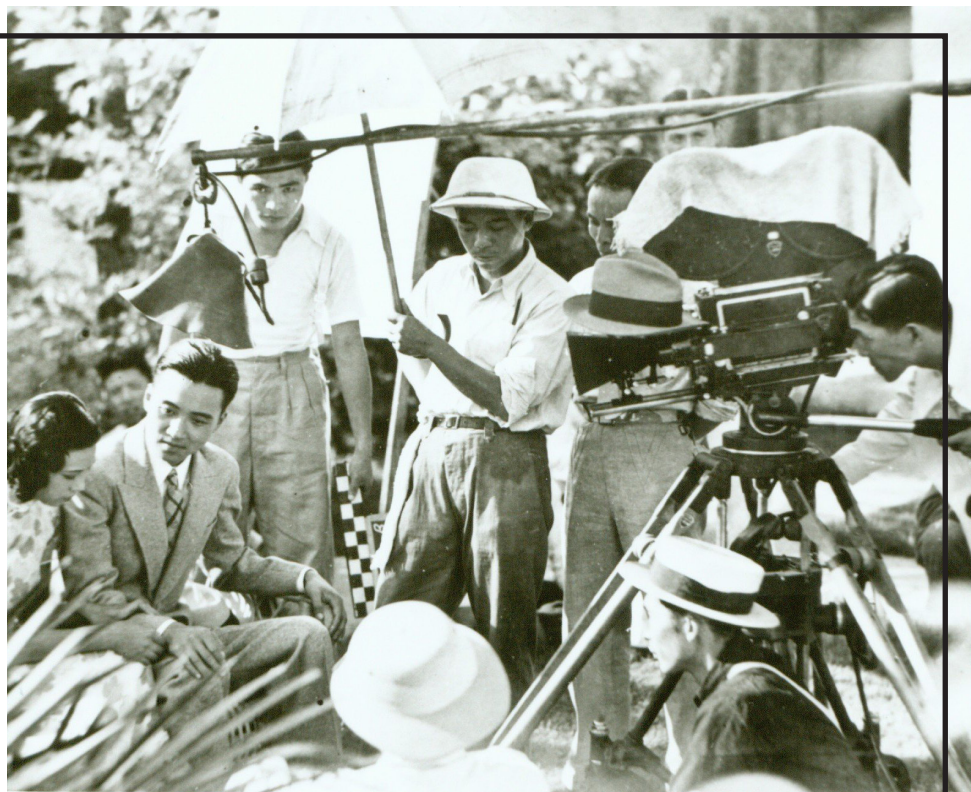
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This lecture examines the various ways in which women were portrayed in silent-era films made in Shanghai (the Hollywood of China) between 1928 and 1935. These engaging films suggest that women have more to gain than men during the transition to modernity in patriarchal societies. Thus, women are often seen experimenting in bold ways and interfacing with danger in an effort to transform and expand their social roles. The film clips that will be screened during the lecture demonstrate that women characters were quite often at the very center of these gripping silent-era movies.

**Paul G. Pickowicz** is Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History and Chinese Studies at the University of California, San Diego, and inaugural holder of the UC San Diego Endowed Chair in Modern Chinese History. His books (authored, coauthored, and coedited) include *Marxist Literary Thought in China* (1981), *Unofficial China* (1989), *Chinese Village, Socialist State* (1992, winner of the Joseph R. Levenson Prize of the Association for Asian Studies), *New Chinese Cinemas* (1994), *Popular China* (2002), *Revolution, Resistance, and Reform in Village China* (2005), *From Underground to Independent* (2006), *The Chinese Cultural Revolution as History* (2006), *Dilemmas of Victory* (2007), *China on the Margins* (2010), *Radicalism, Revolution, and Reform in Modern China* (2011), *China on Film* (2012), *Restless China* (2013), *Liangyou: Kaleidoscopic Modernity and the Shanghai Global Metropolis* (2013), *Filming the Everyday* (2017), *China Tripping* (2019), *A Sensational Encounter with High Socialist China* (2019), and *Locating Taiwan Cinema in the Twenty-First Century* (2020).

He is associate producer of the documentary films *China in Revolution, 1911-1949* (1989) and *The Mao Years, 1949-1976* (1994). Pickowicz was honored by the German government in 2016 when it presented him with a Humboldt Research Award for lifetime accomplishments in research and teaching.

This talk is organized by Christian Hess (Associate professor, Sophia University).