

China's Possible Futures: Independent Cinema and Hong Kong

The role of documentary and fiction films in the cultural and political contentions in the region

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9.30 Welcome

Rod Stoneman, George Ulrich

9.35 Introduction to Independent cinema in Hong Kong
Mette Hjort

10.05 Compilation films and Ten Years

Rod Stoneman

10.30 Ten Years

Ng Ka-Leung, Jevons Au, Wong Fei-Pang, Kwok Zune, Kwun-wai Chow Hong Kong / 2015/ 104 mins

Lunch

13.30 Raise the Umbrellas

Evans Chan Hong Kong / 2016 / 118 mins

15.30 Discussion with Evans Chan

16.00 Panel Discussion

Marco Ceresa, Mette Hjort, Manfred Nowak, Rod Stoneman, George Ulrich, Sara De Vido

17.15 Reception

Panelists

Marco Ceresa, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

Mette Hjort, University of Copenhagen

Manfred Nowak, European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation

Rod Stoneman, National University of Ireland, Galway

George Ulrich, European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation

Sara De Vido, Venice International University, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

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Ten Years

Ng Ka-Leung, Jevons Au, Wong Fei-Pang, Kwok Zune, Kwun-wai Chow

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Ten Years is a collection of five short stories; a prophecy and a fable for Hong Kong. Through their films five of Hong Kong's young directors are raising questions about the most central issues concerning their city... "If we can't even see the storms in our future, how can we talk about hope? How can we find courage to change?"





Raise the Umbrellas

Evans Chan

Hong Kong / 2016 / 118 mins

Raise the Umbrellas explores the origin and impact of Hong Kong's 2014 Umbrella Movement through the inter-generational lenses of three post-Tiananmen democratic activists – Martin Lee, founder of the Hong Kong Democratic party; Benny Tai, Occupy Central initiator; and Joshua Wong, the sprightly student leader – alongside voices from unknown "umbrella"

mothers," student occupiers (Yvonne Leung and Vivian Yip), star politicians (Emily Lau, and "Long Hair" Leung Kwok Hung, as well as the pro-Beijing heavyweight Jasper Tsang), prominent media professionals (Jimmy Lai, Cheong Ching), international scholars (Andrew Nathan, Arif Dirlik and Hung Ho-fung). and activist Canton-pop icons Denise Ho and Anthony Wong. Driven by stirring onsite footage in a major Asian metropolis riven by protest. Umbrellas reveals the Movement's eco-awareness, gay activism, burgeoning localism and the sheer political risk for post-colonial Hong Kong's universal-suffragist striving to define its autonomy within China.



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