

FALL 2025 FSH SEMINAR

WHO IS THE PROTAGONIST?

Film Characters and Their Worlds



- **DATE:** November 5 (Wed)
- **TIME:** 12 PM - 1:30 PM
- **VENUE:** C105
- **SPEAKER:** Prof. Sun Park



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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Professor Sun Park is a faculty member in the Faculty of Sciences and Humanities at SUNY Korea. He is the author of *Camera Somatica: Painting and Cinema in the Age of Post-Cinema* (2023), a book written in Korean. His forthcoming book, *South Korean Independent Cinema: Origins and Developments*, will be published by Wayne State University Press. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas in 2009. He currently teaches various film courses at Hanyang University and SUNY Korea.

ABSTRACT

Are the main characters in movies true heroes who rise above ordinary people? Or are they just temporary fantasies that help us escape our dull everyday lives? This lecture explores how movie characters have changed over time in response to shifting social realities. They reflect the social, cultural, and political issues of their eras. From this point of view, the lecture also considers what movie heroes mean to us today — in this age of extremes.