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European art cinema. Exploring not only modernism's origins but also its stylistic, thematic, and cultural avatars, Screening Modernism

ultimately lays out creative new ways to think about the historical periods that comprise this golden age of film.