

Department of Modern languages presents

Understanding India: A BOLLYWOOD FILMS SERIES - WEEK 1

Two Pieces of land

(1953)



Located in pre independence India of early 1940's when a famine strikes the fertile state of Bengal. When the world is at war, in India, a small farmer's two *bighas* (acres) of farmland is in danger of being taken over by a local zamindar (feudal lord) for failure to pay his debts. The family moves to the big city of Calcutta where the farmer tries to making a living as a rickshaw puller but when his wife joins him and falls ill, everything is in the danger of being lost.

DM 110, Tuesday, September 13, 2016- 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Bollywood is the kitschy name for the Indian Hindi Film industry located primarily in Mumbai, India. The series will take the viewers through the journey made by India from its pre-independence days, its struggle with political, social and economic challenges over the last six decades through iconic films from the 1950's to the present times. All the films will have English subtitles. The screenings will be preceded by an introduction to the film and followed by a brief discussion.

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