Kinema Club XVIII: 
Gender & Sexuality in 
Japanese Film

Friday, February, 22, 2019 - 6:00pm to Sunday, February 24, 2019 - 12:00pm
Whitney Humanities Center
53 Wall Street, New Haven, CT 06511

A conference focused on screenings and discussions, featuring rarely seen films shown with prints from the National Film Archive of Japan. Each screening is followed by audience discussion led by a panel of experts. All films are shown in 35mm with English subtitles. This event is free and open to the public.

Friday, Feb. 22

Opening Reception — 6:00pm.

Fukujuso (67 minutes) — 7:00pm
Based on Yashiya Nobuko’s story of a young woman’s love for her “sister.” Presented with live benshi narration and musical accompaniment.

Saturday, Feb. 23

Gate of Flesh (87 minutes) — 9:00am
The first adaptation of Tajima Taijiro’s “carnal literature” is a unique Occupation-era women’s picture.

Lily Festival (100 minutes) — 12:30pm
A special film depicting the sexuality of older women that won prizes at LGBT film festivals.

Flowers Have Fallen (74 minutes)
Madam Butterfly’s Illusion (12 minutes) — 4:00pm
A celebrated period film drama where all the men are off screen. Preceded by a silhouette animation short.

The Elegant Life of Mr. Everyman (102 minutes) — 8:00pm
An experimental and darkly satirical depiction of the typical postwar Japanese man: the “salaryman.”

Sunday, Feb. 24

The Eternal Breasts (110 minutes) — 9:00am
One of Japan’s greatest actresses, Tanaka Kinuyo was also a pioneering film director, here exploring the drama of breast cancer.

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