

MONSTERS HAVE long roamed our imaginations, and they continue to find their way onto our screens. Coming from the depths of the ocean, the reaches of outer space, from scientific misadventure or even supernatural realms, they are often villainous outcasts and social others that articulate our perennial fears, troubled memories or suppressed desires.

Lurking between fantastical fictions and harsh realities, this season of films explores the literal and metaphorical idea of the monstrous; it promises not only encounters with ghoulish spectres or maniacal robots, for example, but also visits the unresolved histories and often grim social realities of these diverse modern societies.

# MONSTROUS REALITIES

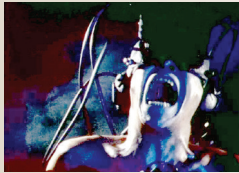
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# ASIA AND THE PACIFIC SCREENS

**30**  
AUG  
Fri, 5-7pm



## Tetsuo II: Body Hammer 鉄男II

Director **Tsukamoto Shinya** 塚本晋也  
1992, 83 mins  
Japanese with English subtitles  
Lecture Theatre 1, Hedley Bull Centre (130), corner of Garran Rd/Liversidge St, ANU

**5**  
SEP  
Thur, 5-7pm



## Taxi Blues 택시블루스

Director **Choiha Dongha** 최하동하  
2005, 100 mins  
Korean with English subtitles  
Lecture Theatre 1, Hedley Bull Centre (130), corner of Garran Rd/Liversidge St, ANU

**17**  
OCT  
Thur, 5-7pm



## Devils on the Doorstep 鬼子来了

Director **Jiang Wen** 姜文  
2000, 139 mins  
Chinese with English subtitles  
Lecture Theatre 1, Hedley Bull Centre (130), corner of Garran Rd/Liversidge St, ANU

**14**  
NOV  
Thur, 5-7pm



## When the Bough Breaks 危巢

Director **Ji Dan** 季丹  
2012, 144 mins  
Chinese with English subtitles  
Lecture Theatre 1, Hedley Bull Centre (130), corner of Garran Rd/Liversidge St, ANU

**12**  
DEC  
Thur, 5-7pm



**A2**  
Director **Mori Tatsuya** 森達也  
2001, 131 mins  
Japanese with English subtitles  
Lecture Theatre 1, Hedley Bull Centre (130), corner of Garran Rd/Liversidge St, ANU

**17**  
JAN  
Thur, 5-7pm



**Pietà** 피에타  
Director **Kim Ki-duk** 김기덕  
2012, 104 mins  
Korean with English subtitles  
Lecture Theatre 1, Hedley Bull Centre (130), corner of Garran Rd/Liversidge St, ANU

**21**  
FEB  
Thur, 5-7pm



## Paranoia Agent 妄想代理人

Director **Satoshi Kon** 今敏  
2004, three episodes  
Japanese with English subtitles  
Lecture Theatre 1, Hedley Bull Centre (130), corner of Garran Rd/Liversidge St, ANU

This monthly film series aims to offer insights into lived realities in societies across Asia and the Pacific through documentary and feature films made by the most thoughtful, uncompromising and socially engaged filmmakers from the region. Each screening will be followed by a short discussion session led by a scholar acquainted with the issues raised in the film. Through regular screenings and discussion sessions, the curators of the film series hope to contribute to the building of an engaged community of researchers, teachers and students interested in life experience, social realities and cultural transformations in the Asia Pacific.

The series is sponsored by the Australian Centre on China in the World, and benefits from a curatorial team composed of ANU CAP researchers with diverse expertise in visual culture, dramatic arts, independent cinema and popular culture in Asia and the Pacific.

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