

Alfred University Bergren Forum to focus on crime films of post-World War II Germany

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Nicholas Schlegel

“Hello, This is Edgar Wallace Speaking: The German Krimi (Crime Film) will be the title of the Oct. 12 Bergren Forum at Alfred University.

The talk by Nicholas Schlegel, assistant professor of Communication Studies in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, will be delivered as 12:10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center, Alfred University.

From 1959 to 1973, more than 40 West German films were adapted from the works of British author Edgar Wallace and his son Bryan Edgar Wallace. These works, known as Krimis (an abbreviated form of the German word for crime film), were hybrids of the larger crime and thriller genres, and delivered very stylish and atmospheric entertainment to post-World War II Germany.

The Bergren Forum, sponsored by the Division of Human Studies, is held each Thursday while classes are in session. The series is open to the public, free of charge. Those attending may take their own lunches; coffee and tea will be provided.