



The Center for Place, Culture and Politics Presents:

Lei Feng

**Directed by Dong Zhaoqi
August 1st Film Studio (1964)**

This is a classic propaganda film that celebrates the life of Lei Feng (1940-1962) a peasant from Hunan Province who devoted his life to “serving the people.” He joined the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) and worked as a truck driver before being made a squad leader. After his death from “a traffic accident” he was immortalized by Chairman Mao who wrote an essay “Learn from Lei Feng” that portrayed Lei as a model worker and as a powerful emblem of socialist collectivism. This film is not just a provocative historical document but a springboard for a discussion about the state of the Chinese worker today.

**Presented by Peter Hitchcock,
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Monday, 5th October, Room C198, at 6.30pm