

For the tenth issue of *cléo*, we're marking this milestone by thinking about leaps of faith, great failures and huge gains. We're talking about what motivates us to take a chance on potentially losing it all in order to reap future rewards, or perhaps just a fleeting moment of pleasure or glory. Then there's the fact that risk isn't always a choice, as certain communities face danger daily based on racial, gender and economic inequality; what does risk look (and feel) like when it's beyond our control?

Topics and films to consider:

- Sex and risk: are sensuality and consequence intertwined? Does danger drive us or is it used to control us? Films to consider: *Fifty Shades of Grey* (2015), *Kids* (1995), *Secretary* (2002), *Crash* (1996), *The Bitter Tears of Petra von Kant* (1972), *Salò, or the 120 Days of Sodom* (1975), *In the Realm of the Senses* (1976), *Belle de Jour* (1967), *Nymphomaniac* (2014)
- Marginalization and risk: from Black Lives Matter, to the ongoing refugee crisis, to aggressions faced by trans folks, many communities face risk on a daily basis. How are (or aren't) these stories depicted on screen? What does risk look like when it's not a choice? *God Grew Tired of Us* (2006), *Selma* (2014), *Fruitvale Station* (2013), *Rabbit-Proof Fence* (2002), *Ma vie en rose* (1997), *Boys Don't Cry* (1999), *Tomboy* (2011), *Paper Dolls* (2006), *Tangerine* (2015), *Parisienne (Peur de rien)* (2015), *Brooklyn* (2015), *Black Girl* (1966), *Dheepan* (2015), *...And the Pursuit of Happiness* (1986)
- Sport: women in sport are often overlooked and under-celebrated. How does cinema celebrate women taking risks in arenas, on the field, and in the gym? And are the terms of victory different? *Love and Basketball* (2000), *A League of Their Own* (1992), *Bend it Like Beckham* (2002), *Million Dollar Baby* (2004), *Whip It* (2009), *Offside* (2006), *The Boxing Girls of Kabul* (2012), *GLOW: The Story of the Gorgeous Ladies of Wrestling* (2013), *Pat and Mike* (1952)
- Romance: it's better to have loved and lost than never loved at all, right? *Titanic* (1997), *In The Mood for Love* (2000), *Mulholland Drive* (2001), *Brokeback Mountain* (2005), *Carol* (2015), *Ali: Fear Eats the Soul* (1974), *Splendor in the Grass* (1961), *Quartet* (1981), *The Remains of the Day* (1993)
- Women in war: how are women's lives depicted in conflict? What women are working in war zones, past and present, to bring stories of conflicts to the mainstream? The films of Mai Masri, *GI Jane* (1997), *War Witch* (2012), *The Invisible War* (2012), *Zero Motivation* (2014), *M\*A\*S\*H* (1970), *Private Benjamin* (1980)
- Money and risk: What happens when women "risk it" in the workplace? *Working Girl* (1988), *The Devil Wears Prada* (2006), *Baby Boom* (1987), *His Girl Friday* (1940), *Norma Rae* (1979), *Adam's Rib* (1949), *Broadcast News* (1987)

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