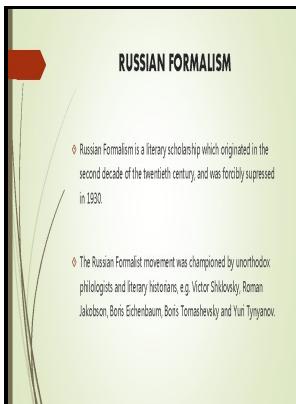


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## formalism and structuralism in film

Beginning in the 1940s both Jakobson and Wellek continued their influential work as professors at American universities. This is obvious, but is often in danger of being forgotten. By elevating the director, and not the screenwriter, to the same importance as novelists, composers, or painters, it sought to free the cinema from its popular conception as a bastard art, somewhere between theater and literature.

## Formalist Film Theory and Psycho

It is nevertheless a distinction that does exist, once you think about it, that deserves to exist and deserves to be remembered when we think about the variety of ways in which literary history can be written.

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Every aspect of the structure of the text can be understood as having a function. Who knows what literature is? Hitchcock primarily made thrillers, which, according to the Cahiers du cinema crowd, were popular with the public but were dismissed by the critics and the award ceremonies, although Hitchcock's won the Oscar for Best Picture at the 1940 Academy Awards. Or one might consider the synthesis of several elements, such as editing, shot composition, and music.

## Russian Formalism: An Essay

So they are still engaged in the hermeneutic enterprise in interpretation.

## Russian formalist film theory (1981 edition)

Strong opposition to formalism, both in its European and American varieties, has been voiced by some Marxist critics who view it as the product of a reactionary ideology, and more recently by proponents of reader-response criticism, speech-act theory, and new historicism; these last three types of criticism all reject the view that there is a sharp and definable division between ordinary language and literary language. What is the main

goal for a formalist artist? The advent of critical theory in the post-war period, which comprised various complex disciplines like linguistics, literary criticism, Psychoanalytic Criticism, Structuralism, Postcolonialism etc. In comes the prehensile thumb, and the next thing you know you get a colossal earthquake, and the possessor of the prehensile thumb disappears from the earth—which is to say, very possibly the human species will never develop.

### **Russian formalist film theory (1981 edition)**

By arguing that films had auteurs, or authors, Truffaut sought to make films and their directors at least as important as the more widely accepted art forms, such as literature, music, and painting. In monographs about world filmmakers, aesthetic or formalist film theory is the most represented in the English language. The standard treatment of the Russian movement is by Victor Erlich, *Russian Formalism: History, Doctrine* rev.

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