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## “**The Korean War and the historical vision of Pak Kwangsu and Yi Kwangmo“**

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Pak Kwangsu’s *To the Starry Island* (Kŭ sŏm-e kagosipta)Yi Kwangmo’s *Spring in My Hometown* (Arŭmdaun sijŏl) appeared in the 1990’s alongside a group of films that questioned traditional cinematic interpretations of the Korean War (1950-53). Although critically well received, both Pak Kwangsu and Yi Kwangmo were attacked for the contradictory ideological values of their work. In this paper, I argue that both *To the Starry Island* and *Spring in My Hometown* are worthy of a re-examination because of what I call the historical vision of the directors. Both films go further than just offering up a flavour of the past. Unlike Korean War films made before or since the 1990s, these films provide a genuine insight into the devastation of the Korean War.

**ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

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