A Taste of Things to Come: Otto Preminger, Gender, & Sexuality in the Fifities

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The dual language film production Otto Preminger made in the fifties, *The Moon Is Blue\ Die Jungfrau auf dem Dach*, was received quite differently by the public on both sides of the Atlantic. The film caused a huge scandal in the US because of its supposed immoral and indecent nature and the fact that it didn't obey the Production Code, while it was hugely popular in Germany with critics, authorities, and audiences alike. My talk tries to analyze the socio-cultural context of the films and the challenges it posed to viewers and authorities.

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