

Department of Comparative Literature

The Department of Comparative Literature cordially invites you to the second annual

## SVETLANA BOYM MEMORIAL LECTURE

### SUSAN RUBIN SULEIMAN

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#### “To Leave or Stay?”

History, Politics, and Existential Choice  
in the Films of István Szabó



**Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**

Boylston Hall, Fong Auditorium

István Szabó, the first Hungarian director to win an Academy Award for best foreign film (*Mephisto*, 1981), remains one of Hungary's leading filmmakers. Susan Suleiman will discuss a recurring theme in his films: the question of individual choice in lives that are determined by events beyond the individual's control.

This event is open to the public and will be followed by a reception  
in the Ticknor Lounge

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