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Pigs and Battleships: Shohei Imamura's 1961 panorama of lowlife scheming their way through the American occupation is an expansive, loopy film of extravagant set pieces and distinctive dark humor. Both funny and corrosive is Imamura's sense of this transitional Japan as a teeming Dogpatch of pig smuggling, mambo parties, yakuza shakedowns, and rampant prostitution. Through July 22, Film Forum 1, 57 Watts Street, 431-1590. (Hoberman)