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## **Dramatising the Arab World**

**Dr. Frances Guy** 

In conversation with Prof. Alan Marcus

British movies set in the Arab world, from The Thief of Bagdad (1940) and Lawrence of Arabia (1962) to the romantic comedy Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (2011), are discussed in contrast with two recent films by women directors, the Lebanese feature film Caramel (2007) and Saudi Arabian-German coproduction Wadjda (2012).

Dr. Frances Guy, a graduate of the University of Aberdeen, was Britain's Ambassador to Yemen (2001-4), Head of the Foreign Office's Engaging the Islamic World group (2004-6), Ambassador to Lebanon (2006-11), the Foreign Secretary's envoy to the Syrian opposition, representative of UN Women in Iraq (2012-14) based in Baghdad, and currently Head of Middle East region for Christian Aid and President of the British Society of Middle Eastern Studies.

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