

DURRELL'S ALEXANDRIA

Past and Present

“Celebration the 50th anniversary of Justine, the 1st volume of the Alexandria Quartet”

29-30 November, 2007

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Thursday 29th November

- 9.30 a.m. **Welcome speeches**
Dr. Mohamed Awad, Director Alexandria & Mediterranean Research Center
Mr. Paul Smith, Director British Council Egypt
- 10.00 a.m. **Durrell's Alexandria**
Michael Haag
Lawrence Durrell's Journey to Alexandria
Peter Porter
The Mediterranean Poetry of Lawrence Durrell
- 12.00 a.m. **Coffee Break**
- 12.30 a.m. **Readings From Works of Contemporary Writers**
Ibrahim Abdel Meguid
Harry Tzalas
Edwar el Kharrat
- 2.00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 3.00 p.m. **Durrell the Man**
Penelope Durrell
My father Lawrence Durrell
Michael Haag
The Alexandria of Lawrence Durrell's Time

Friday 30th November

- 9.30 a.m. **Traces of Durrell in the Contemporary City**
Gordon Smith
- 9.45 a.m. **Walking Tour of Alexandria**
- 1.30 p.m. **Lunch** (*invitation only)
- 2.30 p.m. **Durrell's House**
Dr Mohamed Awad
- 3.00 p.m. **Roundtable Discussion**
Gamal Ghitani
Mohamed Awad
Ibrahim Abdel Meguid
- 5.30 p.m. **Spirit of Place: Lawrence Durrell's Egypt** (BBC film)