

Understanding Today's Middle East through a Documentary Film

Today, the Middle Eastern countries are still facing political upheavals such as the long-standing civil war in Syria and Yemen. The Sasakawa Middle East Islam Fund, through a documentary film, aims to explore the life of the people in the region.

Director Nadine Salib will share with us the background of the film making, as well as everyday life of women in Egypt. Ms. Kaoru Yamamoto, an expert on Middle Eastern Films, will be moderating the discussion.

『Um Ghayeb: Mother of the Unborn』 Directed by Nadine Salib

(Egypt, UAE / 2014 / Arabic with Japanese and English subtitles / 84min)

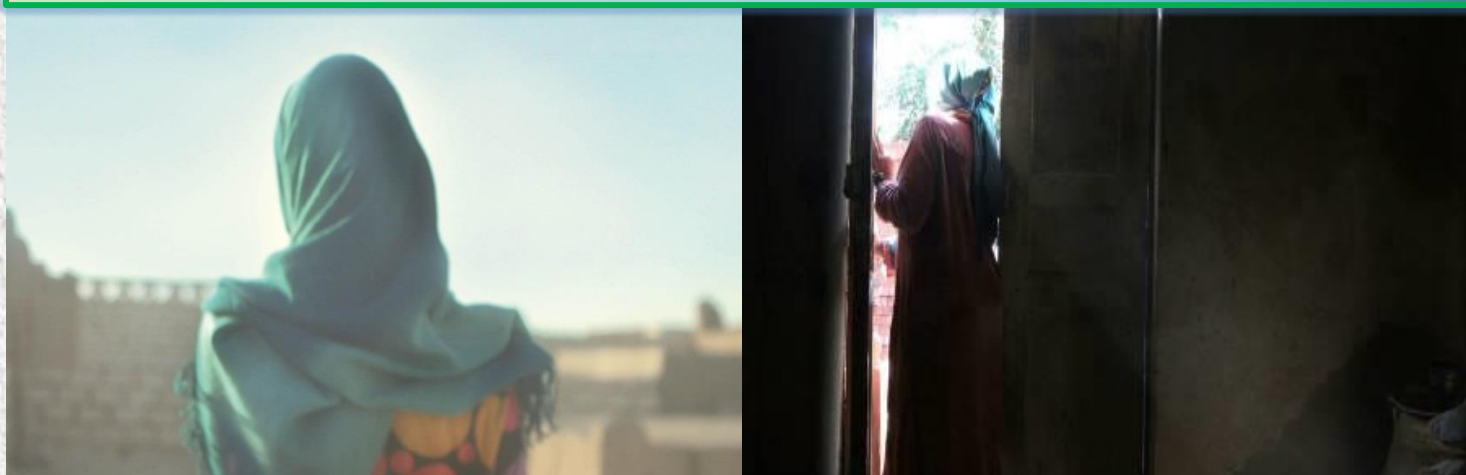
16 September, 2016 (Friday) 17:30

Venue : Conference Room, 11th Floor, The Sasakawa Peace Foundation Building

☆Screening 17:30-19:00

☆Talk session with Director 19:00-19:45 English/Japanese (simultaneous translation)

Guest : Ms. Nadine Salib (Director) Moderator : Ms. Kaoru Yamamoto



Synopsis

In a village in southern Egypt inhabited by many grave keepers, Hanan is called Um Ghayeb, or “mother of the unborn.” In attempting to conceive, she tries everything from witchcraft to surgery, and searches for the meaning of her role in the community. Hanan's views toward life and death offer a commentary on gender politics, and on what it means to lead a life rooted firmly in the land.

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*Admission is free.