

THE ARAB INITIATIVE

By Lotte Mik-Meyer
Documentary film / 58 min.

As a part of the Danish government's "The Arab Initiative", one of Europe's leading experts on Islam, the Danish scholar, Dr. Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen, is sent to Cairo with his family. His mission is to create a dialogue between the Middle East and Denmark. Complicated by the crisis following the Danish Mohammad cartoons, his brief is to mediate between differing political attitudes and cultural perceptions. In a visually engaging style, THE ARAB INITIATIVE, invites us into a number of dialogues discussing related themes on religion and politics.

THE ARAB INITIATIVE presents a new attempt to penetrate the confused world of cultural misconceptions and emotional perception, shaking the ground under the viewers and forcing them to revisit themselves in order to understand others.

Arwa Mahmoud, 'Daily News Egypt'

*Mik-Meyer's film is an exemplary attempt to raise the level of the current debate with respectful, open-minded dialogue. THE ARAB INITIATIVE is a portrait of the intellectual as a man of honour. A portrait of a sorely needed type of intellectual. **Kim Skotte, 'Politiken'***

As a spectator you should give yourself time to dwell on the visual qualities of this film just as much as the camera dwells on its subjects. You will be richly rewarded.

Lilian Munk Rösing, 'Information'