

On Wednesday 13 April 2016 at 18.00

**PHILIP MANSEL**

*WILL GIVE A LECTURE ENTITLED*

**“CITIES OF THE LEVANT: A WARNING FROM HISTORY?”**



The eminent historian Philip Mansel has written principally about France and the Ottoman empire. His latest book is *Aleppo: the Rise and Fall of Syria's Great Merchant City*, while in 2010 he published *Levant: Splendour and Catastrophe on the Mediterranean*, which has just been published in Italian by Mondadori. In this talk he contrasts the present tragic situation with the former age of tolerance, prosperity and culture. As usual, the lecture will be followed by a reception with drinks. (Above: the ruins of Baalbek, 1870.)

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