

3 Dialogue Program

Introduction

Through its Meetings or “Dialogue Program”, PASSIA strives both to promote free expression within Palestinian society and to foster a better understanding of Palestinian affairs, be they in the domestic or international context. In doing so ever since its foundation, PASSIA has earned a reputation for providing a forum for dialogue and serving as a catalyst for civic debate. Central to these efforts has been the presentation and analysis of a plurality of Palestinian perspectives and approaches. Topics addressed and discussed cover a wide range of subjects broadly and specifically related to the Palestine Question, from historical aspects to the current Middle East Peace Process and internal Palestinian affairs.

The PASSIA Dialogue Program is divided into the following three sections:

- ❑ **Roundtable Meetings:** PASSIA invites a speaker (and sometimes a discussant as well) to lecture on a certain topic, followed by a discussion with the audience present. Particularly topical issues are sometimes the subject of a series of lectures by as varied a range of speakers as possible. These meetings aim to promote thought and debate among Palestinians and between Palestinians and their foreign counterparts.
- ❑ **Briefings:** PASSIA frequently provides a venue for encounters, dialogue and discussions involving representatives and organizations from various backgrounds. These meetings focus on current Palestinian affairs and are designed to build bridges of communication and understanding between Palestinians from differing streams of society and to develop constructive and focused academic contact between Palestinians and Israelis. PASSIA has also hosted numerous meetings in which resident diplomats and visiting foreign missions are invited to discuss Palestinian affairs and exchange thoughts and opinions concerning the situation in the Palestinian Territories. In return PASSIA receives invitations to meetings with diplomats and visiting foreign dignitaries at other venues helping to consolidate relationships and forge connections between Palestinians and their foreign counterparts.
- ❑ **PASSIA Forum:** Owing to limitations of space at its premises, PASSIA organizes from time to time ‘public lectures’ involving particularly significant speakers and/or topics. These meetings are attended by the guest speaker(s), possibly one or two discussants, who will comment on the presentation, and an invited audience of 80-120 people. Forums are held in one of East Jerusalem’s hotels, such as the Ambassador Hotel, which offers the space and facilities

needed to accommodate the anticipated number of participants. In 2003, PASSIA held three fora (see below and under *Jerusalem* and *Religious Studies Unit*).

Speakers discussants and participants at these meetings include local and foreign figures from a rich diversity of backgrounds and schools of thought: Scholars, professionals and intellectuals from Palestine, Israel and abroad; members of Palestinian NGOs, political factions and the media, as well as representatives of the diplomatic corps.

Meetings held throughout 2003 at PASSIA (unless otherwise indicated) are listed below. Details are presented in the following order: date; topic; speaker/visitor; participants. (For additional PASSIA Meetings see the chapters on *Jerusalem*, *Civil Society Empowerment – Promoting Good Governance*, and the *Religious Studies Unit*).

All meetings were attended by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA. The summary or full text of some of the meetings can be found at PASSIA's website (<http://www.passia.org>).

Roundtable Meetings

20 February 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Palestinian-Israeli Discussion on the New York Review of Books' Article "The Suicide Bombers" (published 16 January 2003) by Professor Avishai Margalit, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Participant(s): Avishai Margalit, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Naim Ateek, Director, Sabeel: Palestinian Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, East Jerusalem; Shimshon Zelniker, Director, the Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem; Rafiq Husseini, Deputy Director General / Director of Operations, the Welfare Association, Jerusalem; Rivka



Feldhay, Lecturer at the Tel Aviv University and the Van Leer Institute; Albert Aghazarian, Lecturer and Consultant, Jerusalem; Michele Auga, Fredrich Ebert Stiftung, Jerusalem; Amit Leshem, the Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem; Nora Carmi, Sabeel: Palestinian Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, East Jerusalem; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA; Deniz Altayli, Programs Director, PASSIA; Elise Aghazarian, Projects Coordinator, PASSIA.

20 March 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

US War on Iraq - A Palestinian Discussion

Participant(s): Khalil Tufakji, Arab Studies Society; Adnan Abdulrazek, Arab Studies Society; Sami Abu-Dayyeh, Net Tours; Nazmi Ju'beh, Head of Riwaq; Issa Kassissieh; Mohammad Jadallah, physician; Dlesdondro Dhurd, Political Officer, Argentinian Embassy, Tel Aviv; Felix Eikenberg, FES.

24 March 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Assessing Palestinian Negotiations - What's at Stake?

Speaker: Diana Buttu, Lawyer, Negotiation Support Unit (NSU)

Participant(s): Mohammad Jadallah, Physician; Walid Salem, PANORAMA (Palestinian Center for the Dissemination of Democracy and Community Development); Steve Hibbard, Canadian Representative Office; Diana Buttu, Negotiation Support Unit; Sami Abu-Dayyeh, Net Tours; Adnan Abdelrazek, Arab Studies Society; Felix Eikenberg, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung; Terry Boullata, school principle; Safa' Abu Assab, Program Manager, Diakonia.



Diana Buttu

3 April 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

The Role of Civil Society and the Palestinian Economy

Speaker: Iyad Masrouji, *Managing Director, Masrouji Trading Company, Ramallah*

Participant(s): Ibrahim Joulani, Private Sector; Azzam Abu S'oud, Director of the Palestinian Chamber of Commerce; Hussein Abu Gharbiyyeh, Director of the Jerusalem Labor Office; Hala A'mas, Director of the Community Care Institution; Ahmad Hashem Zughayyar, Palestinian Legislative Council, Safa' Abu Assab, Diakonia; Felix Eikenberg, FES; Rafiq Hussein, Deputy Director General / Director of Operations, the Welfare Association, Jerusalem; Fadi Hidmi, Welfare Association; Jamal Ghosheh, Palestinian National Theater; Mahmoud Salaymeh, Pharmacist; Fayiza Zalatimo, Ar-Razi Medical Lab; Shireen Abdul Hadi, USAID Mission; Elise Aghazarian, PASSIA; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA.



27 April 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

International Labor Organization (ILO) Annual Mission to the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Assessment of the prevailing socio-economic situation and its impact on the Palestinian Workers in the Territories / Reassessment of existing programs and identification of new programs of technical cooperation that respond to the needs and priorities of the Palestinians resulting from the present humanitarian crisis.

Participant(s): Philippe Egger, Senior Economist, Bureau of Programming and Management, ILO; Giovanni di Cola, Senior Official Coordinator, Development Cooperation Department, ILO; Catherine Comtet; Official Lawyer, ILO; Samir Radwan, Advisor to Director General on Development Policies and Counselor on Arab Countries, ILO; Fredrich Butler, Assistant Director General, ILO; Khaled Doudine, ILO Representative, Jerusalem.

1 May 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Palestinian-Israeli Discussion Discourse on Current Affairs

Participant(s): Dan Diner, Professor, Hebrew University, Jerusalem; Rafiq Husseini, the Welfare Association, Palestine; Shimshon Zelniker, Director, the Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem; Naim Ateek, Director, Sabeel: Palestinian Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, East Jerusalem; Rivka Feldhay, Lecturer at the Tel Aviv University and the Van Leer Institute; Albert Aghazarian, Lecturer and Consultant, Jerusalem; Amit Leshem, Coordinator of Projects with Palestinians, the Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem; Michele Auga, Resident Representative, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Jerusalem; Avishai Margalit, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Emmanuel Sivan, Hebrew University, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem; Itzhak Galnoor; Professor of Political Science, Hebrew University, Jerusalem; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA.; Elise Aghazarian, PASSIA.



5 May 2003, PASSIA, Ramallah

The Wall: Cantonization and Unilateral Separation

Presentation by: Nasser Al-Faqih, *Coordinator, Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees (PARC)*

Participant(s): Chris Choshane, third secretary, South African Representative Office, Ramallah; Alistair Wallbaum, Canadian Representative Office; Saed Abu Farha, Journalist, Al-Ayyam; Elisabeth Peterson, Friedrich Ebert Foundation; Azem Bishara, Advocate; Khaled Islaih, Researcher; Bassam Musleh, Lawyer; Nasser Al-Faqih, Organizational Development Specialist; Jamal Jum'a, PENGON Coordinator; Charles Shammass, Mattin Group; Susan Rockwell, Mattin Group; Martin Siepermann, ICCO (Dutch Interchurch Organization for Development Cooperation); Erik Acherman, ICCO Programs Officer; Jalal Khader, Lawyer.



Nasser Al-Faqih

13 May 2003, PASSIA, Ramallah

The Role of the Private Sector in Promoting a Secular, Democratic Palestinian State

Participant(s): Sam Bahour; Palestinian businessman and writer; Dr. Said Zeedani, Director of the Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens' Rights, Ramallah; Dr. Mamdouh Aker, Independent Commission for Citizens' Rights, Ramallah; Dr. Faisal Awartani, General Manager of Alpha International for Polling, Research & Informatics, Ramallah; Dr. Tayseer Arouri, Birzeit University; Iyad Masrouji, Managing Director, Masrouji Trading Company.

3 July 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Israeli-Palestinian Discussion on the Two-State Solution

Participant(s): Itzhak Galnoor, Van Leer Institute; Amit Leshem, Van Leer Institute; Nazmi Al-Jubeh, Head of Riwaq, Ramallah; Avishai Margalit, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Rafiq Hussein, Welfare Association, Jerusalem; Michèle Auga, Resident Representative, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Jerusalem; Albert Aghazarian, Free Lance Lecturer, Consultant; Rivka Feldhay, Lecturer at the Tel Aviv University and the Van Leer Institute; Dan Diner, Professor, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Elise Aghazarian, Researcher, PASSIA; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA.



7 August 2003. PASSIA, Ramallah

Reform Plans and Programs in Palestine

Presentation by: Basel Jaber, *Palestinian Reform Coordination and Technical Support Unit*

Participant(s): Salem Ajlouni, Economist & Consultant; Khaled Islah, Researcher; Basel Jaber, Palestinian Reform Coordination & Technical Support Unit; Bassam Abdul Rahman, Liaison Officer; Lubna Hammad, Legal Consultant, Unicef; Faisal Awartani, Lecturer, Birzeit University.



Basel Jaber



Thomas M. Ricks

14 August 2003. PASSIA, Ramallah

Education and Political Culture of Palestine - Past and Present

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Thomas M. Ricks, *Specialist/ Consultant International and Middle East Studies, Visiting Professor, Birzeit University*

Participant(s): Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA; Saida Affouneh, Director of Planning Department at Al-Quds Open University; Anas Alaili, Editor Educational Magazine, Qattan; Ziad Khalaf, Executive Director, Qattan Foundation; Silvia Xillo, Researcher in Intercultural Studies; Faisal Awartani, Professor of Statistics, Birzeit University; Bassam Abdul Rahim, Liaison Officer, Local Aid Coordination Committee Secretariat; Jose Ferreira de Fonseca, Representative Office of Portugal, Al-Bireh; Muzna Shihabi, Birzeit University; Miriam Levin, Visiting Student; Jay Ross, Visiting Student.

17 September 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

The Crises in the Palestinian-Israeli Peace Process

Organized by: Group of the German Federal Agency for Civic Education.

Speaker: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA



Participant(s): Knut Elstermann, Journalist; Arnim Roever, Economist; Renate Ullrich, Theater Scientist; Karin Fischer, Editor Deutschland Radio; Lutz Nitsche, Project Coordinator; Christiane Recht, Editor SWR; Ulla Uux, Political Scientist; Henry Braeutigam, Economist; Christiane Görres, Cultural Worker; Suleiman Abu Dayyeh, Friedrich Naumann



Foundation, Jerusalem; Ursula Barzen, Judge; Mechthild Zschau, Journalist; Sigga Nürnberg, Administration; M. Grudunski; Christian Semler, Journalist; Esther Hass, Cultural Commissioner; Roman Kovar, Publisher; Marie-Louise Jung, Lecturer, Kultur Alive Institute; Tessa Hauswedell, Editor; Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA.

14 October 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

The Road Map for a Two-State Solution!

Speaker: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA

Participant(s): Delegation from the Royal College of Defence Studies (RCDS), London, UK: Rear Admiral Roger G. Lockwood; Capt. Andrew AL. McFarlane; Mr. Stephen T. Cochrane; Col. David StJ. Homer; ACP. KC John Lee; Mrs. Raduta D. Matache; Brig. Paul R. Newton; Capt. Loïc L-N Raffaëlli; Mr. Kiyoshi Serizawa; Gp. Capt. Dai L. Whittingham; Col. Dangnai N. Yao; Wg. Cdr. Eddie ASC Culbert.



18 October 2003, PASSIA, Ramallah

Political Elites in Palestine & Democracy: Preliminary Reading

Speaker(s): Dr. Ayman Yousef, Birzeit University

Participant(s): Wafa' Abdul Rahman, Miftah; Ahmed Badawi, SWP, Berlin; Badia' Abu Ar-Rub, Lecturer; Lily Habash, Consultant; Abdul Rahman M. Mughrabi, Al-Quds University; Diab Jarrar, Al-Quds University; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA; Areej Al-Yousef, PASSIA.



Meron Benvenisti

12 November 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Bi-Nationalism

Speaker(s): Meron Benvenisti, *Historian*

Participant(s): Terry Bullata, Head, Board of Trustees Women's Studies Center & New Generation School; Avishai Margalit, Professor, Hebrew University; Manuel Hassassian, Executive Vice-President, Bethlehem University; Father Rafiq Khoury, Latin Patriarchate; Sami Abu Dayyeh, Businessman; Amit Leshem, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem; Itzhaq Galnoor, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem; Diana Buttu, Legal Advisor, PLO Negotiation Support Unit; Hanlie Booysen, Deputy Representative, South Africa Representative Office, Ramallah; Nora Carmi, Coordinator, Women's Program, Sabeel, Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, Jerusalem;

Ahmed Ghneim, Member of Fateh Higher Committee; Samir Huleileh, Sales and Marketing Manager, Nassar Investment Company, Bethlehem; Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA, Jerusalem; Nick Kardahji, PASSIA, Jerusalem.



18 November 2003, PASSIA, Ramallah

The Negotiations in South Africa – Lessons for Palestine

Speaker(s): Dr. Greg Mills, *National Director of the South Africa Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), Johannesburg, South Africa*

Participant(s): Marwan Barakat, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics; Rowan Al-Faqih, Birzeit University; Nizar Farsakh, Amal Hussein, Negotiation Support Unit; Nasser Qatami, Council of Young Leaders; Wafa' Abdul Rahman, MIFTAH; Niall Holohan, Irish Representative Office; Holger Tillmann, German Representative Office; Samer Salameh, Council of Young Leaders; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA; Hijazi Natsheh, Areej Al-Yousef, Nick Kardahji, PASSIA.



Greg Mills

Briefings

3 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Road Map: Palestinian Perspective

Participant(s): Nader Al-A'aser, Consul, Egyptian Embassy, Tel Aviv

4 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Palestinian Refugees: Palestinian Priorities, Conditions & Demands

Participant(s): Mr. Rami Khouri, Chief Editor, Daily Star Newspaper, Beirut, Amman

7 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Palestinian Refugees: Towards a Possible Settlement

Participant(s): Rami Khouri, Chief Editor, Daily Star Newspaper, Beirut, Amman

10 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Dutch-Palestinian Relations

Participant(s): Geert Wilders, Member of Parliament, Liberal Party for Freedom and Democracy, Netherlands; Rob Decker, Second Secretary at the Representative Office of the Netherlands to the Palestinian Authority, Ramallah

11 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Israeli Decisions to Close Universities and Colleges in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

Participant(s): Nader Al-A'aser, Egyptian Consul, Tel Aviv

14 January 2003, Working Dinner, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Changing Borders: Palestine, Israel and the Future Scenarios

Participant(s): Conny Meyers, State Department, Washington DC; Adnan Hussein, Director of Islamic Waqf, Jerusalem; Dr. Thomas Neu, Rep. ANERA, Jerusalem

15 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): USAID Cooperation

Participant(s): Scott Nicholas, USAID, Cairo Office

16 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Fateh-Hamas Dialogue in Cairo

Participant(s): Isabel Kershner, The Jerusalem Report Magazine, Jerusalem

16 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Academic Cooperation between South African Institutions and PASSIA

Participant(s): Mohamed Rafique Gangat, Representative of South Africa, Ramallah; Hanlie Booysen, Deputy Representative, South African Representative Office, Ramallah

16 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Security and Civil Society Issues

Participant(s): Fayaz Manji, Program Officer at the Peace-Building and Human Security Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Canada; Alistair Wallbaum, Political Affairs Officer, Canadian Representative Office, Ramallah.

17 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Women's Role in Empowering Civil Society in Time of Crisis

Participant(s): Maha Muna, Program Specialist, Governance, Peace and Security Program, UNIFEM, New York; Alia Al-Yasir, UNIFEM Consultant, Jerusalem; Sawzan Baghdadi, Project Manager, Sustainable Human Development, UNDP, Jerusalem.

18 January 2003, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Changing Borders: Palestine, Israeli and the Future Scenarios.

Participant(s): Conny Meyers, US State Department; Dr. Thomas New, Rep. ANERA.

19 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Assessment of the First World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies in Mainz, Germany (8- 13 September 2002)

Participant(s): Kirsten Maas, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Ramallah

20 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): FES Cooperation

Participant(s): Hajo Lanz, Desk Officer for Palestine, FES Bonn; Michele Auga, Director FES Jerusalem; Felix Eikenberg, Project Coordinator, FES Jerusalem.

21 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Intifada and Israeli Re-Occupation of the Palestinian Territories

Participant(s): Christopher Stevens, US Political Section Chief, US Consulate, Jerusalem.

22 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Road Map and Russia's Role

Participant(s): Oleg B. Ozerov, Head of the Middle East Peace Process Desk, Middle East and North Africa Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Moscow

24 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Agenda of the Palestinian Factions' Meeting in Cairo

Participant(s): Dr. Andreas Reinicke, Head, Representative Office of the Federal Republic of Germany, Ramallah

27 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Palestinian Civil Society Since 1967

Participant(s): Professor Asher Susser, Director, Dayyan Center, Tel Aviv University; Ephraim Lavy, PhD Candidate

29 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Palestinian Factions' Meeting in Cairo and the Israeli Elections

Participant(s): Dr. Marin Albu, Head, Romanian Representative Office to the PA, Ramallah

31 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Israeli Elections and their Impact on Palestinians

Participant(s): Donald Macintyre, Chief Political Commentator, the Independent, London

4 February 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): ISBN for Palestinian Publications

Participant(s): Dr. Mohammed Dajani, PECDAR

5 February, 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Palestinians After the Israeli Elections

Participant(s): Philip Wilcox, President, Foundation for Middle East Peace, Washington DC

8 February, 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Bedouins in the Negev / Problems facing Palestinian Children

Participant(s): Dr. Hassan Abu Sa'd, Head of the Educational Department, Hind Al- Hussein College, Jerusalem; Dr. Shehdeh Jabour, Head of Social Services Department, Ar'ara Local Village Council, Negev

18 February 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Impact of the Iraqi Crisis on Palestinians

Participant(s): Leonhard Moll, Head, Austrian Representative Office; Huge Lerider, Austrian Military Attaché, Ankara.

18 February 2003, Consul General Residence, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Humanitarian Aid for the Palestinian Civil Society in Times of Crisis

Participant(s): Göran Berg, Swedish Consul General, Jerusalem; Head of Middle East Desk in the Swedish Foreign Ministry, Stockholm

20 February 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Berlin and Paris vis-à-vis the Arab World and the Iraqi Crisis

Participant(s): Michael Baumann, Counselor, German Embassy, Tel Aviv

24 February 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Issue of a Palestinian Prime Minister

Participant(s): Joumana Abu Zayyad-Jaouni, Political Officer, British Consulate

5 March 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Library Issues

Participant(s): Sarah Ewan, Director, British Council

5 March 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Periodicals, Publications and US Lecturers

Participant(s): Chuck Hunter, US Consulate; Susan Nammari, US Consulate, Jerusalem

12 March 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Palestinian Prime Minister

Participant(s): Afif Safieh, Head, Palestinian General Delegation in London and the Vatican

18 March 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Palestinian Prime Minister

Participant(s): Atilio N. Molteni, Ambassador of the Argentine Republic

20 March 2003, Working Lunch, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Palestinian Prime Minister's Mission

Participant(s): Larry Garber, Director, USAID Mission

29 March 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Humanitarian Aid in Palestine

Participant(s): Rene C. Aquarone, Chief of Cabinet, UNRWA, Gaza

2 April 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Palestinian Prime Minister's Mission

Participant(s): Emmanuelle De Foy, Belgian Deputy Consul

4 April 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Impact of the War on Iraq on the Palestinians

Participant(s): Andreas Reinicke, German Representative Office

5 April 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The War on Iraq and the Palestinians

Participant(s): Doug Hostetter, Senior Middle East Correspondent, Communications Department, American Friends Committee

10 April 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Civil Society Programs in Palestine

Participant(s): Rima Ghandour, USAID

12 April 2003, Jerusalem Center for Women (JCW), Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Future of Palestinian Diplomats

(Lecture by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi)

Participant(s): A Group of Young Palestinians Taking a Training Course at JCW.

12 April 2003, Working Lunch, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict in the Aftermath of the War on Iraq

Participant(s): Mohammed Rafique Gangat, South African Representative; Maysoun Odeh, South African Representative Office

13 April 2003, PASSIA, Ramallah

Topic(s): The Relationship between Civil Society and the Private Sector in Palestine and the Path of Democracy Enhancement

Participant(s): Professor Lisa Taraki, Sociology Department, Birzeit University; Mrs. and Mr. Iyad Masrouji, Managing Director, Masrouji Trading Company, Ramallah; Khadijeh H. Abu Ali, Freelancer, Researcher on Women Issues, General Union of Palestinian Women, Ramallah, Elise Aghazarian, Project Coordinator, PASSIA

16 April 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Palestinian Prime Minister's Mission

Participant(s): Takeshi Okubo, Head, Palestinian Affairs Section, Japanese Embassy, Tel Aviv

16 April 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Palestinian Prime Minister

Participant(s): Hanlie Booysen, Deputy Representative, South African Representative Office, Ramallah; Chris Mohale, Counselor, South African Representative Office, Ramallah

24 April 2003, PASSIA, Ramallah

Topic(s): The Visit of the Japanese Foreign Minister

Participant(s): Takeshi Okubo, Head, Palestinian Affairs Section, Japanese Embassy, Tel Aviv

29 April 2003, Working Dinner, American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Road Map

Participant(s): Massimo d'Alema, President of the Democrats of the Left Party; Luciano Vacchi, Deputy Head, Foreign Relations, Democrats of the Left Party; Gianni Ghisi, Italian Consul General

1 May 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Road Map

Participant(s): Takeshi Okubo, Head, Palestinian Affairs Section, Japanese Embassy

6 May 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Road Map

Participant(s): László Fehérvári, Hungarian Representative

20 May 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): PASSIA Research

Participant(s): Tetsuya Mizutani, Representative Office of the Government of Japan in Gaza

26 May 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Visit of the Swedish Prime Minister

Participant(s): Göran Berg, Consul General of Sweden

27 May 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Road Map

Participant(s): Takeshi Okubo, Head, Palestinian Affairs Section, Japanese Embassy

3 June 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Private Sector and Civil Society

Participant(s): Dr. Andreas Reinicke, Head, Representative office of the Federal Republic of Germany, Ramallah

3 June 2003. Working Lunch, Christmas Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Road Map

Participant(s): Larry Garber, USAID Mission, Tel Aviv

14 June 2003. PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Palestine, the Road Map and Jerusalem within the Current Situation



Participant(s): Peter Janssen, Retired Pastor, Belgium; Tina Blomquist, Swedish Theological Institute, Jerusalem; Håkan Bengtsson, Lecturer, Uppsala University, Sweden; Hendrik Broer, Minister, Protestant Church, the Netherlands; Peter Loox, Pastor, Church of Sweden; Bathos, Lioba klooster, the Netherlands; Marieke den Hartog; Liaison Officer, Jewish-Christian Relations, Protestant Churches, the Netherlands; Wout van der Spek, Minister, the Netherlands; Peter Tomson, Faculty of Protestant Theology, Brussels; Japke van Malde, Teacher, University of Education, the Netherlands; Douwe van der Sluis, COME organization, the Netherlands; Egbert van Veldhuizen, Reverend, the Netherlands; J.C. van Dongen, Minister, Dutch Reformist Church, the Netherlands; J.M. Demarque, Minister and Synodal Counselor of the United Protestant Church of Belgium; A.J. Barnas, Roman Catholic Clergyman, publisher, Belgium

16 June 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Introduction to the Work of PASSIA

Participant(s): Jean Jacques Juris, Representative of Switzerland to the PA. Ramallah

23 June 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): NGOs and Democratization Issues

Participant(s): Lara Saade, External Affairs & Outreach – Middle East North Africa, The World Bank

7 July 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Civil Society and Democracy

Participant(s): Rana Taha, WSP International, Geneva

9 July 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Palestinian Documentation

Participant(s): Mark Dennis, Senior Media Advisor, UNSCO, Jerusalem.

16 July 2003. PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Palestinian Leadership Crisis

Participant(s): Takeshi Okubo, Head, Representative Office of Japan, Gaza

23 July 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Palestinian Reform Politics

Participant(s): Hanlie Booysen, South African Representative Office, Ramallah

26 July 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Refugee Issues

Participant(s): Mathias H.T. Burchard, Chief, UNRWA Liaison Office in Geneva

4 August 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Palestinian Civil Society and the Quartet

Participant(s): Dr. Jonas Jølle, Senior Executive Officer, Political Affairs, Norwegian Representative Office, Ramallah; Kristin Enstad, Norwegian Representative Office, Ramallah

5 August 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Shas Party and the Question of Religion and State

Participant(s): MK Ilan Leibovitch, Member, Foreign Affairs & Security Committee, The Knesset, Jerusalem; Gary Sussman, Researcher

8 August 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Dynamics of Palestinian Civil Society and the Road Map

Participant(s): Dr. Andreas Reinicke, Head of German Representative Office, Ramallah

13 August 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Palestinian Civil Society and Current Security Issues

Participant(s): Hanlie Booysen, South African Representative Office, Ramallah

16 August 2003, Jerusalem

Topic(s): UNRWA Mission and the Palestinian Reform Agenda

Participant(s): Rene Aqarone, Chief of Cabinet, UNRWA, Gaza

16 August 2003, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The US, the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict and the Road Map

Participant(s): Jan Schakowsky, Congresswoman, 9th District of Illinois, North Chicago and Northern Suburb; Michael C. Kotzin, Executive Vice President, Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago; three personalities accompanying the Congresswoman

27 August 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Crisis of Palestinian Leadership

Participant(s): Karin Roxman, Swedish Foreign Ministry; Göran Berg, Swedish Consul General, Jerusalem

31 August 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Road Map

Participant(s): John Tory, Toronto Mayoral Candidate; Hershell Ezrin, Canadian Businessman; Steve Hibbard, Head, Canadian Representative Office, Ramallah

3 September 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Israeli Occupation and the Road Map

Participant(s): Jan Henderson, Ambassador, New Zealand Embassy, Ankara

4 September 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Understanding the Palestinian Crises

Participant(s): Karim Palant, Labour Student National Chair; James Lloyd, National Union of Students Executive; Carli Harper-Penman, National Union of Students; Kirsten Jongberg, President of the Guild of Students, Birmingham University; Bob Inder Singh, British Organization of Sikh Students; Rami Okasha, Labour Students; Luciana Berger, Union of Jewish Students; Sam Dobbyn, Conservative Future UK; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA.

10 September 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Palestinian-Israeli Security Issues and the *Hudna*

Participant(s): Daniel Pregl, Colonel, Austrian Defense Attaché, Austrian Embassy, Ankara

17 September 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Making of a Palestinian Government

Participant(s): Takeshi Okubo, Head, Representative Office of Japan, Gaza.

30 September 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Government of Ahmad Qrei'a (Abu Ala') and the Road Map

Participant(s): Laszlo Fehervari, Head, Hungarian Representative Office, Ramallah

1 October 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Trial of Marwan Al-Barghouthi

Participant(s): Hanlie Booysen, Deputy Representative, South African Representative Office, Ramallah; Chris Mohale, Counselor, South African Representative Office, Ramallah

3 October 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Current Situation in Palestine

Participant(s): Andrea Nahles, Member of the Board of the Social Democratic Party in Germany (SPD); Rainer Zimmer-Winkel, Center for Encounters and Communication Honoring the Heritage of Willy Brandt, Jerusalem; Michéle Auga, Resident Representative Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Jerusalem; Elisabeth Peterson, Project Coordinator Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Jerusalem

8 October 2003, Working Dinner, Pasha's Restaurant, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Wall, Israeli Settlements and the Future of the Conflict

Participant(s): Gerald Kaufman, MP (Labor), UK; John Jenkins, British Consul General, Jerusalem

16 October 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Geneva Document

Participant(s): Matthias Finken, Counselor, Political Affairs, Embassy of Germany, Tel Aviv

3 November 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Identity and Leadership

Participant(s): Chuck Hunter, Consul for Press and Cultural Affairs, US Consulate, Jerusalem

4 November 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Municipal Elections in Palestine

Participant(s): Larry Garber, Mission Director, USAID West Bank & Gaza Mission, Tel Aviv

7 November 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Political and Municipal Elections in Palestine

Participant(s): Dr. Gökhan Centinsaya, Associate Professor, Istanbul Technical University, Turkey; Cagri Sakar, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Turkey, Jerusalem

8 November 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Canada's Development Assistance

Participant(s): Mark E. Baily, Director General, Middle East and North Africa (GMD), Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa; Steve Hibbard, Head Canadian Representative Office, Ramallah

11 November 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The New PA Government

Participant(s): Chris Rampling, Political Officer, British Consulate, Jerusalem

23 November 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Viability of the Two-State-Solution

Participant(s): Steven Hibbard, Head, Canadian Representative Office; Canadian Journalists from Quebec: Claude Hamel, Reporter for Réseau de l'information; Jonathan Trudel, Reporter for the Bi-Monthly Magazine L'actualite; Sophie Thibault, Editor of a Free Weekly Newspaper, ICI; Serge Truffaut, Editorialist for Le Devoir; Philippe Elharrar, Director of Public Affairs, Quebec Israel Committee

30 November 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): German Organizations & the Current Crisis in the Middle East

Participant(s): Christian Hanelt, Annette Heuser, Bertelsmann Foundation, Brussels-Gütersloh.

2 December 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Recent Palestinian-Israeli Meetings in Madrid, London and Geneva

Participant(s): David Pregel, Colonel, Austrian Defense Attaché, Austrian Embassy, Ankara

2 December 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Geneva Accords

Participant(s): Anne Mowe, Councilor, Political Affairs, Swedish Consulate General, Jerusalem

3 December 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Geneva Accords

Participant(s): Matthias Finken, Counselor, Political Affairs, Embassy of Germany, Tel Aviv

15 December 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Culture of Political & Security Issues in Palestine

Participant(s): Fayaz Manji, Program Officer, Peace Building & Human Security Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Canada; Charlotte Garay, Special Projects - West Bank & Gaza and Israel, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Canada; Alistair Wallbaum, Political Officer, Representative Office of Canada, Ramallah

16 December 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): Introduction to PASSIA's Vision & Mission

Participant(s): Frans Potuyt, Head, Representative Office, Kingdom of Netherlands, Ramallah

16 December 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Israeli Government's Unilateral Redeployment

Participant(s): Göan Berg, Swedish Consul General, Jerusalem

24 December 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic(s): The Herzliya Conference 2003

Participant(s): Takeshi Okubo, Head, Palestinian Affairs Section, Japanese Embassy.

Forum

See also under *Jerusalem* and under *Religious Studies Unit*.

20 June 2003, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

The Road Map – Where to?

Speaker: Dr. Sa'eb Erekat, Member of the Palestinian Legislative Council (Jericho), former PLO Chief Negotiator

Moderator: Albert Aghazarian, Historian, Lecturer, & Consultant, Jerusalem

Participants: An audience of approximately 70 people

Sa'eb Erekat

