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# 2014 - The Year That Was

## 2014 - The Year That was

The year 2014 was declared as the year of solidarity with the Palestinian people by the United Nations. Even though it marked a significant progress in the internationalization of the Palestine question and as the year progressed a number of European states recognized Palestinian statehood, the year did not bring an end to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. On the contrary, 2014 will be remembered for the cycle of violence, revenge, horrific murders, killings, kidnappings, bombings, rocket attacks, continued Israeli settlement building, the introduction of a worrying religious aspect to the conflict, and a brutal war that left more than 2,100 Palestinians dead.



The peace negotiations revived in 2013 had already begun on shaky grounds since there was no consensus on the general basis of such talks and the suspension of settlement building as demanded by the Palestinians. It was thus no big surprise when **January** began unpromising with PM Netanyahu describing the Palestinian demand of a “so-called right of return” as “not right, not justified and not legitimate” and approving plans for 1,400 new settler homes in the West Bank.



**February** saw with President Abbas’ proposal for an American-led NATO force to patrol a future Palestinian State and the announcement by Palestinian chief negotiator Saeb Erekat that the Palestinian response to Israel’s ongoing atrocities would be to join the Fourth Geneva Convention and bring Israel before the International Criminal Court.



Also in February, representatives from Fatah and Hamas met to discuss steps towards reconciliation and Palestinians faced unprecedented challenges to Al-Aqsa Mosque compound as Israeli attempts to have a presence on the site and the demand to have access to the holy site were escalating. In response, Jordan warned on 26 February that

it may review its 1994 peace treaty with Israel. With the peace talks at an impasse, Palestinian chief negotiator Erekat rejected the US suggestion to extend an April deadline for another nine months of talks with Israel to culminate in a framework peace deal.

In **March** Israel came up with a new demand, asking that Palestinians recognize Israel as a Jewish State, which, however, was outright rejected. When on 28 March Israel delayed the fourth release of 26 Palestinian prisoners, breaching an earlier agreement, in a bid to blackmail the PA with new conditions for continuing the diplomatic process, tensions on the ground increased. Meanwhile, Egypt closed over 1,300 tunnels along the border with Gaza, and both Israel and Egypt severely restricted the movement of Palestinians across the Gaza Strip's three main border crossings.



With the Israeli-Palestinian talks deadlocked, President Abbas, on 1 **April**, signed letters preparing for the PA/PLO's accession to 15 international treaties and conventions. The move signaled an attempt to achieve statehood outside the negotiations process. In response, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu announced that Israel would take its own 'unilateral steps' and approved the construction of over 700 settlement units in East Jerusalem as well as imposed economic sanctions against the PA. On 23 April, Hamas and the PLO surprised with a new reconciliation agreement to form a national consensus government and hold elections - harshly condemned by Israel and the United States. A day later, the Israeli Cabinet punitively announced it would not negotiate with a Palestinian government backed by Hamas. Peace talks spiraled into yet another impasse, each side accusing the other of bad faith and placing impediments in the way of reaching a solution. Consequently, the 9-month deadline for the peace talks expired with no agreement in sight and the talks were suspended.



**May** began with Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu plan to promote a "Basic Law" that would define the status of Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people. After the collapse of the negotiations, the Palestinian leadership meanwhile sped up its diplomatic efforts for international recognition of Palestine as a state under occupation and for Israel



to be held accountable as the occupier, including advancing the plan to join the International Criminal Court in The Hague. On 8 May, President Abbas declared that negotiations would not resume unless Israel released the fourth agreed-upon batch of prisoners and suspended settlement building for at least three months. During Nakba demonstration on 15 May, Israeli forces shot and killed two Palestinians teenagers in the West Bank, leading to further tensions on the ground. On 25 **May**, his Holiness Pope Francis visited Palestine and met with President Abbas who briefed him on the obstacles facing the peace process. While visiting Bethlehem, Pope Francis made an unplanned detour to hold a silent - but symbolically strong - prayer at the separation wall. By the end of the month, Fatah and Hamas agreed on the make-up of a national consensus government, comprising officials from both parties.



On **MAY 25**: Pope Francis visits Al-Aqsa Mosque compound where he was received by HRH Prince Ghazi bin Mohammed, Personal Envoy for Religious and Cultural Affairs of King Abdullah II of Jordan, who holds the custodianship over the Muslim holy sites in Jerusalem.



On 2 **June**, the seven-year old political division between Fatah in the West Bank and Hamas in Gaza officially came to an end, when the latter surrendered their control to the new national consensus government that would rule over both the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. While the vast majority of the international community cautiously welcomed the development, these plans were harshly and suddenly disrupted when on 12 June, three Israeli yeshiva students went missing at the Gush Etzion settlement bloc near Hebron. Israeli government immediately finger-pointed at



Hamas as behind the “kidnapping” and launched Operation “Brother’s Keeper” to find the disappeared youth, thereby taking preemptive measures to crush Hamas in the West Bank. These moves were also directed towards President Abbas who was pressured to resolve the national consensus government over the incident. During the operation, three Palestinians were killed, many more injured and over 300 arrested. On 30 June, the bodies of the three missing Israelis were found near Halhul, triggering an unprecedented series of violence and counter violence.



In revenge to the killing of the yeshiva students, Jewish extremists in early July abducted and brutally murdered Palestinian teenager Mohammed Abu Khdeir from Shu’fat, setting off a spiral of violent clashes that erupted throughout Jerusalem. Attacks and additional kidnapping attempts on Palestinian children added a new worrying dimension to the worst year in a decade for Palestine in the city. The Israeli crackdown on Hamas in the West Bank had further serious consequences. Responding to that and expressing the growing frustration with the intensifying blockade on Gaza, rocket fire from there into Israel resumed as did Israeli air strikes, soon leading to the third war on the battered coastal strip since 2008. Israel’s Operation “Protective Edge” began on 8 July and would last for 50 days. On 15 July, Hamas rejected an Egyptian ceasefire proposal because it had not been involved in the negotiations. Two days later, the operation was expanded to a ground invasion allegedly to destroy Gaza’s tunnel system. However, the toll on the civilian population became so unbearable that on 28 July, the UNSC called for an “immediate and unconditional” ceasefire, allowing for the delivery of urgently needed humanitarian assistance to the Gaza Strip. By the end of the month, over 1,360 Palestinians had been killed and entire neighborhoods destroyed.

In early August Amnesty International demanded an immediate investigation into the Israeli assaults against hospitals and health professionals in Gaza. PA Tourism and Antiquities Minister Rula Ma’ayah denounced the destruction of 41 mosques during Israel’s military operation, calling it a war crime. On 26 August, Israel and Hamas agreed to an open-ended ceasefire putting an end to seven weeks of Israeli bombardments

which, according to the UN, had left 2,130 Palestinians killed (70% of them civilians and at least 491 children), over 11,100 wounded and 520,000 displaced. By the end of the month, President Abbas and Hamas representatives reportedly agreed on a three-phase plan that would lead to the establishment of a Palestinian state. After the war, Israel and Hamas both declared victory.



(At the end of 2014, the sad truth is that the siege on Gaza is still in place and the reconstruction moving at a very slow pace). And to add insult to injury, Israeli authorities announced on 31 August plans to confiscate 4,000 dunums of Palestinian-owned land west of Bethlehem, near the Gush Etzion bloc.

At the beginning of September, the PA declared that rebuilding Gaza would cost \$7.8 billion. On 9 September, President Abbas asked the UN to replace the US as the leading peace broker. Later the month, Fatah and Hamas reached a comprehensive agreement to return to a national consensus government. On 30 September, President Abbas vowed to join the International Criminal Court, if the UNSC failed to pass a planned resolution that would set a timetable for ending the Israeli occupation.



Overshadowed by the war in Gaza, Israel had also escalated its assaults on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound – with closures and bans for Palestinian worshippers and an unprecedented number of Jewish right-wing “visitors”, who more often than not tried to perform their rituals at the site. On 8 October, President Abbas warned the Netanyahu government of the repercussions of such actions, and indeed, clashes broke out almost daily between worshipers and Israeli forces at the compound, soon spreading to other neighborhoods in the city. The situation further sharpened when on 22 October Palestinian Jerusalemite Abdul Rahman Al-Shaludi slammed his car into a light-rail station, killing two and injuring 8 others. A similar attack took place a few days later prompting, along with numerous attacks by Jews on Palestinian workers in West Jerusalem, many commentators to speculate about the possibility of a third Intifada. Clashes intensified when Israel – after the attack on right-wing Jewish activist Yehuda Glick at a rally outside the



Menachem Begin Heritage Center in Jerusalem and the subsequent killing of the suspect, Mutaz Hijazi, from Abu Tor, a few hours later by Israeli forces - closed all access to Al-Aqsa Mosque for first time since its occupation in 1967. At the end of the month, on 30 October Palestinians scored a victory on the international level when the Swedish government officially recognized the state of Palestine. Meanwhile in Gaza, the Palestinian national consensus government had held its first ever meeting in Gaza City on 9 October. And on 12 October envoys from countries around the world gathered in Cairo to discuss aid for Palestinians, eventually pledging \$5.4 billions for Gaza's reconstruction.



**November** began as violent as October with Ibrahim Al-Akkari from Shu'fat ramming his car into a group of commuters at the light rail station in Sheikh Jarrah, killing an Israeli border policeman and injuring 13 others before being shot and killed himself at the scene. The month saw further attacks on both sides, including the storming of a synagogue in West Jerusalem on 18 November, where Ghassan Abu Jamal and his cousin Uday from Jabal Al-Mukabber killed four men before being shot dead themselves. Hours later, Spanish members of parliament voted nearly unanimously to exert pressure on Madrid to recognize Palestine as a state. In Gaza, a series of bombings hit Fatah targets, causing Palestinian Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah cancel a planned trip to Gaza City. On 28 November, French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius told his parliament that the government was working at the UN to get a resolution adopted that would set a two-year timeframe to reach a negotiated solution between Israel and Palestine.

By **December**, the Israeli intelligence organization "Shurat HaDin Israel Law Center" formally requested the ICC prosecutor to open an investigation into alleged war crimes committed by Palestinian President Abbas. On 2 December, French lawmakers

voted in favor of recognizing Palestine as a state, following by similar moves in Ireland and Portugal on 10 and 14 December respectively. Over the last month, Israeli forces carried out 112 assaults against Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque and Hebron's Al-Ibrahimi Mosque. Amnesty International stated that the Israeli military committed war crimes during its Gaza offensive in the summer and must be investigated. On 10 December, PA cabinet member without portfolio, Ziad Abu Ein, died after confrontations with Israeli forces at a protest march in the West Bank. On 17 December, the European Parliament overwhelmingly backed the recognition of a Palestinian state "in principle". The same day, representatives of 126 High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention met in Geneva to adopt by consensus a ten-point declaration recalling applicable international humanitarian law (IHL) in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. On 30 December, the UNSC failed to adopt a Palestinian resolution calling for an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem and the establishment of a sovereign and independent Palestinian State by late 2017. In response, President Abbas signed on to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.



Besides the horrifying images of the Gaza War, the year 2014 will also be remembered as one where unilateral Palestinian efforts to advance statehood in international institutions progressed significantly, and where Israel faced growing international isolation (especially its relations with the Obama administration reaching a new low). However, with no formal peace talks on the table for the first time in decades, the situation on the ground is further deteriorating for Palestinians with no end in sight to the occupation and its manifestations: ongoing Judaization/Israelization, growing racism facing Palestinians at all and worrying levels, continued siege of Gaza, no improvement of peoples' lives and livelihoods, and little, if at all, perspectives for the young majority of the society. It is thus no coincidence that the outlook for 2015 remains very gloomy.

## Research Program

PASSIA has undertaken its Research Studies Program ever since its foundation in 1987. To date, this endeavor has resulted in over 200 publications, researched and written by specifically contracted researchers, who, over the years, have been as diverse as the subjects covered. Authors of PASSIA publications have included Palestinian, Arab, Israeli and international academics, scholars and experts.

Under the auspices of this program and in its efforts to provide background information, in-depth studies and documentation on issues of concern as well as to promote a better understanding of the Palestinian cause, PASSIA maintains that all research and publishing are done within the context of academic freedom. PASSIA publications aim to be specialized, scientific and objective, yet they often address controversial or neglected issues and allow the expression of a wide range of perspectives.

PASSIA is proud that its publications have become a valuable reference source for academics, diplomats, professionals, libraries and anyone with an interest in Palestinian issues and their relations to regional and international affairs.

As part of the 2014 Research Program, PASSIA published an informative illustrated guide about Palestinian – Muslim and Christian - holy places in Jerusalem, proceedings of a conference on Political Islam, and a revised and updated version of a map book on the Palestine question, as well as two educational bulletins.





## Research Studies

### ■ **Palestinian Refugees - Endless Injustice** PASSIA Publication, English, 16 pages, May 2014

On the 15 May 2014, Palestinians marked 66 years since the Nakba, a term that literally means catastrophe and refers to the establishment of the state of Israel on over half of historical Palestine, the expulsion and dispossession of hundreds of thousands of native Palestinians, and the destruction of much of their property. While Palestinians continue to be displaced by Israeli policies and practices on an almost daily basis, the fate of Palestinian refugees, one of the world's largest and most enduring refugee populations, remains a complex issue the resolution of which is critical to ending the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. This bulletin presents facts and statistics about Palestinian refugees: who they are, how they became refugees, their numbers and where they live, their rights under international law, Palestinian-Israeli negotiations on the issue to date, the positions held by both sides, and what solutions, if any, are thinkable to resolve this seemingly intractable issue.



### ■ **PLO vs. PA** PASSIA Publication, English, 12 pages, September 2014

There has been much debate about the extent to which the Palestinian leadership is a legitimate and broad representative of the Palestinian people. The terms Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and Palestinian Authority (PA) are often used interchangeably and confusion exists about the similarities in their structures and functions. While the two bodies are – at least in theory - significantly different, this confusion is justified since they are very much interrelated in practice. This bulletin aims to shed light on the origins and evolution of both organizations and provide a better understanding of the relationship between the PLO and PA, as well as the possibilities and prospects for institutional reform, under discussion recently and partially agreed upon as part of the reconciliation process for Palestinian national unity.



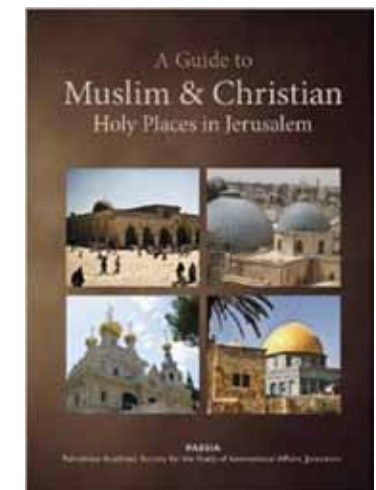
### ■ **Custodianship of the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque** by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA Publication, Arabic, 32 pages, December 2014

This bulletin chronicles the various historical narratives regarding the many attempts and efforts to protect, preserve and administer the holy sanctuary of Al-Aqsa Mosque since the 7th Century until today. In doing so, it sheds light on the religious connections, political events and legends affiliated with the Haram Ash-Sharif compound, as it is also referred to, and describes the political and religious authorities that have played and still play a role in shaping, guiding, and governing the city and its people in general and the affairs of Al-Aqsa Mosque in particular. While tackling the site's century-old history, the bulletin's focus is on present-day realities and challenges.



### ■ **A Guide to Muslim & Christian Holy Places in Jerusalem** PASSIA Publication, English, 200 pages, February 2014

Jerusalem is one of the oldest and most important cities in the world. It is regarded as sacred by the believers of the three monotheistic faiths (Jewish, Christian and Muslim), and can stake a claim to possessing the highest concentration of religious sites compared to any other place on earth. Today, the sanctity of Jerusalem stands as a major issue in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, in an ever-increasing manipulation of religion for political goals. In the face of Israel's endless attempts to "Judaize" Jerusalem ever since its occupation of the city in June 1967 and to remove all roots of its Arab-Palestinian culture, history, and legacy, it is imperative to highlight and sustain the city's Muslim-Christian identity and presence. This book is thus intended to offer an introduction to the historical origin, aesthetic aspects, and contemporary use of most of the Holy City's Christian and Muslim sites of patrimonial and religious importance.



■ **Political Islam at the Crossroads?**

PASSIA Publication, English & Arabic, 280 pages, July 2014

The central theme of this book is political Islam, its various trends in Islamic thought, and the question if these trends are at a crossroads. Islam is considered as an inclusive doctrine covering all aspects of life with its human and moral values. As Islamic thoughts are based on religious belief, it has

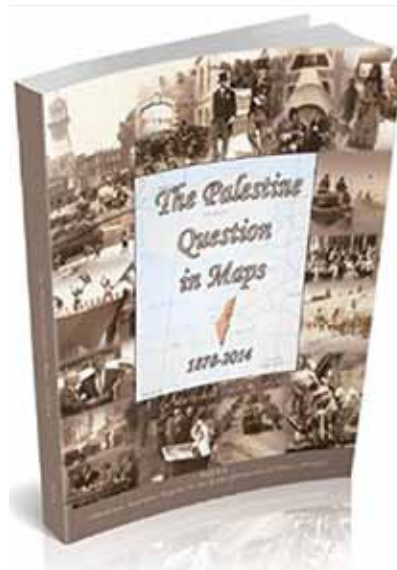


been easy for certain Islamic movements and entities to mobilize people, utilizing this belief as the main factor in shaping vision, formulating positions, and conducting relations in society. This “politicization” of religion has led to the term “Political Islam”. To discuss the historical developments of the different Islamic movements and in light of the various manifestations of political Islam that emerged during the so-called Arab Spring - which started in 2011 in Tunisia, became “contagious,” and soon spread to other Arab countries – PASSIA organized a conference in November 2013, entitled “Political Islam at the Crossroads?”, which sought to shed light on some aspects of this phenomenon. This book combines the papers presented at the conference with some additional texts and articles on the subject matter.

■ **The Palestine Question in Maps 1878 - 2014**

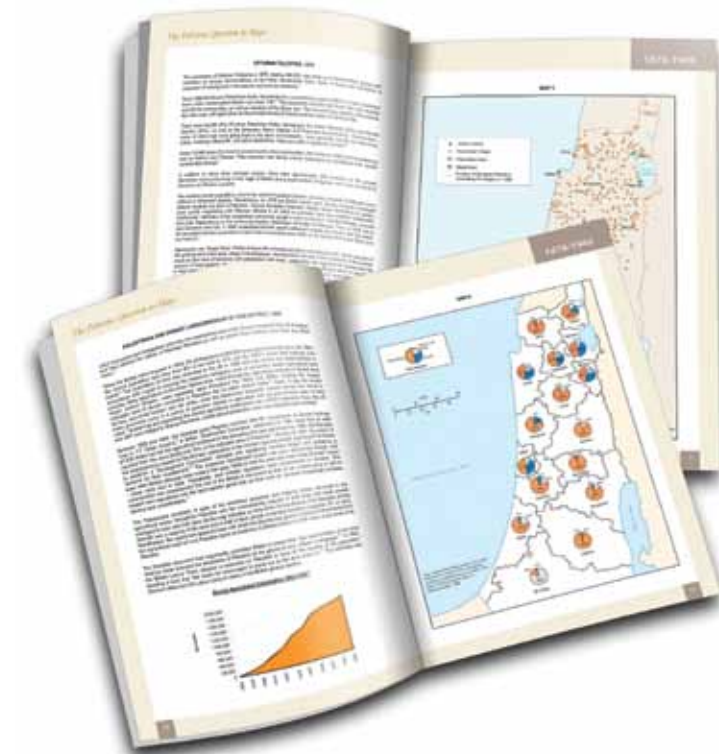
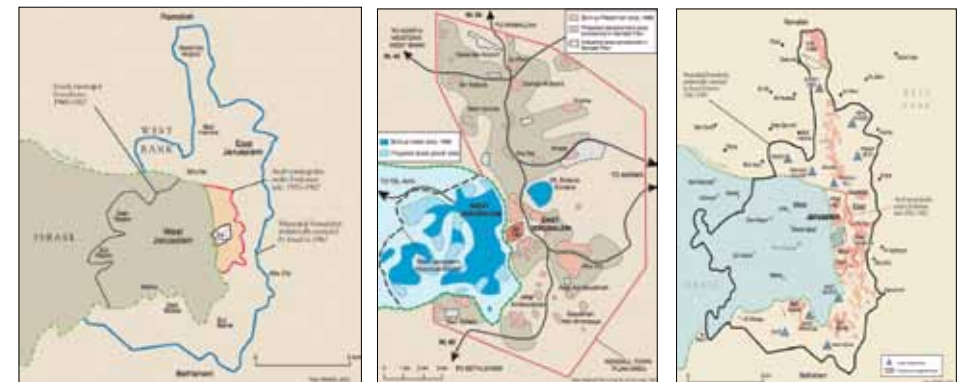
PASSIA Publication, English, 220 pages, 2nd updated and revised edition, August 2014

This book is the updated and revised version of an earlier edition (published 2002) aimed to examine and trace what makes up the “Palestine Question” from the Ottoman period through to the present day. In addressing the unfolding geographic and demographic complexities of over hundred years in review, the book sheds light on the real territorial dimensions of the conflict, its causes, and the numerous schemes posited over time for its resolution. By compiling and reviewing the most important historical and contemporary



maps, this book offers researchers, readers and concerned individuals the opportunity to understand the geographic implications and motivations guiding the political and military aspects of the Palestine Question.

A first series of maps follows the path of modern Palestinian history in chronological order, focusing on key demographic themes and political milestones, as well as identifying the various proposals posited for the resolution of the Palestine Question up to the 2014 Kerry mission (Chapters 1-4). Jerusalem itself is of such intrinsic importance to Palestinian history and to the resolution of the Palestine-Israel conflict, that a separate section is devoted, in detail, to its changing circumstances (Chapter 5). Core issues, such as water and refugees, are also addressed within a separate chapter (Chapter 6).



## Dialogue Program

### Introduction And Background

Ever since its foundation, PASSIA has striven 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, PASSIA has earned a reputation for providing a unique forum for dialogue and exchange and for 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 through PASSIA's Dialogue Program. 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 composed of roundtable meetings and briefings. As part of the former, speakers are invited (and sometimes a discussant as well) to lecture on a certain topic, followed by a discussion with the audience present. These **meetings** aim to promote thought and debate among Palestinians and between Palestinians and their foreign counterparts. In order to accommodate a larger audience attending those meetings 'public lectures', most of them take place in hotel halls (in Jerusalem or Ramallah). Speakers, discussants and participants usually include local and foreign figures from a diversity of backgrounds and schools of thought: scholars, professionals, officials and intellectuals from Palestine, Israel and abroad; members of Palestinian NGOs, political factions and the media, as well as representatives of the diplomatic corps.

In comparison, PASSIA **briefings** are a venue for encounters, dialogue and discussions involving representatives and organizations from various backgrounds. These meetings typically focus on current Palestinian affairs and are designed to build bridges of communication and understanding between Palestinians from different streams of society and to develop constructive and focused academic contact between Palestinians and their counterparts. Briefings also include meetings in which resident diplomats, visiting foreign delegations or student groups from international universities discuss Palestinian affairs and exchange thoughts and opinions concerning the situation in the Palestinian Territories, as well as media briefings with resident and visiting correspondents and journalists. 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.

Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA, attended all meetings, throughout 2014. The summary or full text of the meetings found on PASSIA's website (<http://www.passia.org>). For meetings on Jerusalem or on religious issues please see the corresponding chapters in this report.

## A. Roundtable Forum

17 February 2014, PASSIA

**Topic: Jerusalem and Palestinian Civil Society**

**Participant(s):** Erik Tornlund, PhD; Anna Hjalm, PHD; Sarvia Grijalv; Rev. Blandina Frausien Sawayae, Pastor; Mbabazi Veneranda, PHD; Varghese Manimala, Professor; Angel Lam, S.T.M.; Lilly Phiri, Reverend; Gladson Jathanna, Assistant Professor; Edgar Antonio Lopez, PHD in Theology; Hermann Mvula's, lecturer; Caroline Kyhlback, Minister to the Church of Sweden; Carin Gardbring, Senior Advisor; Obvious Vengeyi, Senior Lecturer; Rose Mukansegimana, PHD Lecturer; Florence Iminra, Theologian; Praveen P.S. Perumalla, Assistant Professor.



11 March 2014, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

**Topic: EU Policies, the Two-State Solution & Ongoing Negotiations**

**Speaker(s):** Mattia Toaldo, Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations, London; Olaf Boehnke, Director, European Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin.

**Participant(s):** Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA; Ingrid Ross, Director of FES; Yusef Daher, JIC; Michel Nseir, JIC; Camilla Giordano, P. Assistant; Edwin Sounyrem, Intern, FES; Daniel Marwecki, Intern, FES; Jens Ladekari, FES; Dr. Bassem Abu Assab, Director of Al-Hayat Health Center; Leena Ritola, EU; Nathan Stock, Carter; Kate Taber, PC USA; Feron Valerie, ECFR; Mattia Toaldo, ECFR; Hugh Lovatt ECFR; Olaf Boehnke, ECFR; Fulvio Capurso, Italian Cooperation; Marco Azzalini, Italian Cooperation; Christian Palomdi, Italian Cooperation; Nader Farah, Engineer; Mansour Tahboub, Director; Louisa Mammeri, Student; Hans Grundberb, Head of Political Section, EUEP; Angela Godfrey-Goldstein, Advocacy Officer; Caroline Vent, UK Department for International Development; Maysara Hussein, DTA; Diana Safieh, Safia Tours; Jacob Rienna, Project Manager; Lara Habash, Communication Assistant; Mustafa Kemal Sahin, Vice Council, Turkish



Consulate; Ziad Abu Zayyad, PIJ; Sawsan Safadi, PR Director; Khalid Khatib, Palestinian Heritage Museum; Walid Salim, Director, CDCD; Dr. Arafat Hidmi, Chairman of Board of Trustees, Al-Makassed; Dimi Reider, ECFR; Dr. Hani Abdeen, Physician; Fadi Hidmi, Director General; Ibrahim Al-Hindi, Architect; Dr. Maha Samman; Dr. Awad Mansour; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Prof., Al-Quds University; Mahmoud Jaddeh; Haj Abed Abu Diab; Dr. Nafeth Nubani; Muhammad Abu Kheir, Al-Quds Newspaper.

25 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Israeli Escalations in the Palestinian Territories, Hamas-Fatah Reconciliation, and Negotiations**

**Participant(s):** Rasha El-Shurafa, Program Office, ILO; Martin OELZ, Legal Specialist, ILO; Shauna Olney, Head, Equality Unit, ILO; Kari Tapiola, Special Adviser, ILO; Tariq Haq, Employment Specialist, ILO.

9 September 2014, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

**Topic: The EU and the War on Gaza – What Lies Ahead?**

**Speaker(s):** Dr. Mohammad Mustafa, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of National Economy; John Gatt-Rutter, Head of Delegation of European Union; Dr. Nabil Shaath, Commissioner for Foreign Relations, Fatah; Mazen Sinokrot, Former Minister of Economy, PA.

**Participant(s):** Noah Kennedy, Writer; Simon Jaser, Consular of Affairs, Portugal; Nathan Stock, Field Officer Director, The Carter Center; Dr. Hisham Nassar, Doctor, Cardiologist; Itedal AL-Ashhab, Educational Portfolio & Member at the National Conference; Khalid Khatib, Palestinian Heritage Museum; Nicos Panayi, Head of the Representative Office,





Cyprus; Lisa Main, Academic; Hayden Cooper, Journalist; Herve Magro, Consul General, France; Geza Mihalyi, Head of Mission, Hungary; Benat Cusin, EUPOL COPPS; Jamal Al-Aref, Deputy Director; Nida Dalmantaite, Representative/Counselor, Lithuania; Oliver McTernan, Director, Forward Thinking, UK; Walid Salim, Director, CDCDC; Sergio Sierra Berna, Representative, Mexico; Kursad Mahmat, TIKa; Shifa Jayousi; Terry Boullata, Senior Advisor, SDC; Brunu Jans, Consul General, Belgium; Martina Feeney, Representative, Ireland; Barbara Wolf, Head of the Mission, Germany; Julie Trottier, Director of Research; Eveline Muhareb, Program Coordinator; Rania Muhareb, Student; Pirkko-Liisa Kyösti, Head of the Mission, Finland; Jakob Rieken, Program Manager, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); Fouad Abu Ghosh, Producer; Mohammed Nusseibeh; Fadi Hidmi, Director General; Mustafa Sarnic, Consul General, Turkey; Anne Sofie, Consul General, Sweden; Dr. Safa Nasser El-Din; Solly Tshivhula, Counselor, South Africa; Carmen Mocanu, Deputy Head of Mission/Political Affairs, Romania; Samah Dweik, Journalist; Khalil Assali, Media; Ingrid Ross, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); Dr. Nader Salaymeh, Pharmacist; Felix Neugebauer, ANERA; Elias Khoury, Lawyer; Samer Nusseibeh, Engineer; Hani Abdeen, Medical Doctor; Junya Matsuura, Head, Japan; Sawsan Safadi, PR Manager, Samer Melki, Deputy Consul, France; Julie Jolles, US Consulate; Anders Tang Friborg, Representative, Denmark; Aleksandra Bukowska-McCabe, Representative, Poland; Jens Kirk Nielsen, Customs Expert, EU BAM; Dr. Andrea Nasi, Representative, Austria; Benoit Cusin, Political Adviser, EUPOL COPPS; Juan José Escobar Stemann, Consul General, Spain; Franka Van Wandelen, Assistant of the HoM, Netherlands; Sanna Kyllonen, Deputy HoM/Development, Finland; Rafael Lopez, Spain; Joris Van Winckel, Political Officer, EUREP; Yusuf Osman Diktas, Deputy Consul; Turkey.

27 September 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Conditions of Laborers in Palestine**

**Participant(s):** Christy Hoffman, Deputy General Secretary, UNI Global Union; Bones Zingisile Skulu, General Secretary, UNI Global Union; Joe de Bruyn, President, UNI Global Union; Philip J. Jennings, General Secretary, UNI Global Union; Mike Sunderland, Deputy Director of Communications, UNI Global Union.



## B. Briefings

6 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: John Kerry Mission, What Lies Ahead**

**Participant:** Nathan Stock, Field Office Director, The Carter Center, Ramallah.



9 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: South Africa Conference on Solidarity with Palestine**

**Participant(s):** Prof. Mlungisi W. Makalima, Head of the Representative Office of South Africa in Ramallah; Solly Tshivhula, Political Counselor, South African Representative Office in Ramallah.

15 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The PA since June 2013 and the Political Agenda**

**Participant:** Morgane Thonnat, Consulate General of Belgium in Jerusalem.

16 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestinian Reconciliation**

**Participant(s):** Oliver McTernan, Director, Forward Thinking, UK; Edward Chaner, Projects Officer at Forward Thinking, UK.

20 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The Palestinian Reconciliation Agenda**

**Participant:** Prof. Mlungisi W. Makalima, Head of the Representative Office of South Africa in Ramallah.

24 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestinian-Israeli Negotiations and John Kerry's Agenda**

**Participant(s):** Philip C. Wilcox, retired US Foreign Service officer, served as US Ambassador at Large for Counterterrorism between 1994 and 1997, President of Foundation for Middle East Peace, Washington D.C.; Arthur H. Hughes, Adjunct Scholar, US Ambassador (retired); Ambassador Nicholas A. Veliotis, American Academy of Diplomacy.



29 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The Evolution of Palestinian Civil Society**

**Participant:** Warren Caragata, Senior Analyst (Development), West Bank Gaza and Palestinian Refugees, Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada.



29 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Assessment of Future Elections in Palestine**

**Participant(s):** Tahsin Alawneh, Senior Program Officer, The Carter Center; Osama Kamel, Electoral Experts, The

Carter Center, Nathan Stock, Field Officer Director, The Carter Center.

30 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Courtesy Visit**  
**Participant:** Mona Shamsuddin, HM Consul (Political), British Consulate-General Jerusalem.

3 February 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Development in the Palestinian Society**  
**Participant:** Ian Black, Middle East editor, The Guardian.

4 February 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Political Analysis of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict**  
**Participant(s):** Avi Shalev, Advisor, Cogat; Arie Spitz, CEO, Middle East Consulting Ltd.

4 February 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: US Policy Towards Israel Regarding Palestinian Property Rights from 1947 to 1953: Refugees and Absentees Property.**  
**Participant(s):** Beate Wienpahl-Jensen, MA student, University of Oslo; Ibrahim Shaaban, lawyer.

8 February 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The Gulf and Palestine**  
**Participant(s):** Claire Beaugrand, researcher, Institute Française du Proche-Orient; Guillaume Henry.

20 February 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Reconciliation and Negotiations**  
**Participant(s):** Phadime Choshane, First Secretary, South African Representative Office in Ramallah; Solly Tshivhula, Political Counselor, South African Representative Office in Ramallah.



26 February 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestinian Reconciliation**  
**Participant:** Nathan Stock, Field Officer Director, The Carter Center.

27 February 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Reassessing the Oslo Peace Process**  
**Participant:** Tobina Hiromi, lecturer of Human Security, Kyoto University, Japan.

3 March 2014, The Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Working Lunch with a Visiting Delegation of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs**  
**Participant(s):** Amb. Geza Mihalyi, Head of MENA department; Andras Kiraly, Director, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs; Peter Wintermantel, Deputy State Secretary for Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary.

6 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The Future of Palestinian-Israeli Negotiations**  
**Participant(s):** Adriaan Bloemendaal, Correspondent, de Volkskrant; Khalil As-sali, Journalist.

18 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The Question of Collaboration in Palestine**  
**Participant(s):** Hiromi Uechi, Jerusalem Bureau Chief, The Yomiuri Shimbun; Maher Alami, Senior Editor, Al-Quds Newspaper.

20 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestinian Internal Politics and the Peace Process**  
**Participant(s):** Amb. Sung-Jan Yeo, Representative Office of the Republic of Korea; Rimon Abu Farha, Office Administrator, Representative Office of the Republic of Korea

31 March, 2014, ICRC, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Perspectives on Palestinian Political Structures**  
**Participant(s):** New Staff Members of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)



9 April 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Courtesy Visit**  
**Participant(s):** Mustafa Kemal Sahin, Vice Consul, Consulate General of the Republic of Turkey; Ambassador Mustafa Sarnic, Consul General of the Republic of Turkey.



16 April 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestinian Internal Politics**  
**Participant(s):** Brigitte Curmi, Senior Analyst, Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Middle East and North Africa, Paris; Samer Melki, Consul Adjoint, French Consulate General, Jerusalem.

22 April 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Courtesy Visit**  
**Participant(s):** Amb. Izzat Abdel Hadi, General Delegation of Palestine to Australia, Dr. Hani Abdeen, Minister of Health; Zeina Abdel Hadi.

24 April 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Israel's National Religious Community and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**  
**Participant:** Ofer Zalberg, Senior Analyst, Middle East and North Africa Program, International Crisis Group.

24 April 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Internal Palestinian Politics**  
**Participant:** Junya Matsuura, Ambassador, Representative Office of Japan to the PA.



4 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Fundamental Issues Facing Palestinians - with a Brief Historical Account**  
**Participant(s):** Clinton Fernandes, Associate Professor, Strategic Studies School of Humanities & Social Sciences, the University of New South Wales; Peter Go-

ers, Broadcaster, ABC Local Radio; Nick Xenophon, Independent Senator for South Australia; Sam Shahin, Doctor.  
7 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem



**Topic: Courtesy Visit**

**Participant(s):** Aurel Duma, Acting Representative, Representative Office of Romania in Ramallah; Carmen Mocanu, Deputy Head of Mission, Political Affairs, Representative Office of Romania in Ramallah.

7 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Courtesy Visit**

**Participant(s):** Bruno Jans, Consul General, Consulate General of the Kingdom of Belgium; Jan De Pauw, Consul (Political Affairs, Consulate General of the Kingdom of Belgium.

7 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Courtesy Visit**

**Participant(s):** Gonzalo Layseca, Deputy Head of Mission, Representative Office of Chile to the State of Palestine; Francisco J. Bernales, Ambassador of Chile to the State of Palestine.



12 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Swedish Center Party International Foundation (CIS) - Fact-Finding Mission and Cooperation Possibilities**

**Participant(s):** Catherine Isaksson, General Secretary, CIS; Karen Ernlund, Vice President, CIS; Kerstin Lundgren, Foreign Policy Spokesperson, Centerpartiet; Karin Carlesten, Programme Manager, EUPOL COPPS.

17 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Archeological Research Issues**

**Participant(s):** Dr. Beatrice St. Laurent, Professor of Art History, Bridgewater State University; Mathew Adams, Director, Albright Institute of Archeological Research, Jerusalem.



17 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Palestinian Reconciliation and What Lies Ahead**

**Participant(s):** Megan Murphy, Political Military Officer, US Consulate General Jerusalem; David Makovsky, member of Special Envoy Martin Indyk's team, US State Department.

23 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Courtesy Visit**

**Participant(s):** Mahesh Kumar, Representative of India, Mohammad Abu Shamsieh, Public Relations Officer, Representative Office of India, Ramallah.

3 June 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: International Implications of Israel's Endless Occupation**

**Participant(s):** Dr. Thomas Ricks, Resident Director, BCA (Bridge • Connect • Act) Study Abroad; Kirstyn Ross, Student, Syracuse University, Maxwell School; Kelly Parliament, Student, Cedarville University; Nick Bascunan-Wily, Student, Placalester College; Lauren Barkachy, Student, University of Delaware; Taylor Bold, Student, Syracuse University, Maxwell School.



16 June 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Hamas-Fatah Reconciliation and What Lies Ahead**

**Participant(s):** Mr. Tshivhula, Mr. Molate, Mr. Choshane, Mr. Mbelengwa, South African Representative Office, Ramallah, Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



2 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Courtesy Visit**

**Participant(s):** Richard Buangan, Public Affairs Officer, US Consulate General, Je-

rusalem; Naser Ideis, Senior Information Specialist, Public Diplomacy, US Consulate General, Jerusalem.

3 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

**Participant(s):** Aaron Huvray, Journalist; Harry Dardashti, Journalist; Caralyn Di-enstman; Journalist; Isaac Levy, Writer; Brian Bedik, Writer, Student.



8 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Palestinian Reconciliation and the Current Crisis**

**Participant:** Nathan Stock, Field Officer Director, The Carter Center.

14 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Third War on Gaza**

**Participant:** Hazem Gheith, Political Officer, Egyptian Representative Office, Ramallah.

22 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Research Study on Palestinian Nationalism**

**Participant:** Gregory Mahler, Academic Dean, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Earlham College.

6 August 2014, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

**Topic: Working Lunch**

**Participant:** Mahesh Kumar, Representative of India to the PA.

6 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Gaza: What Lies Ahead?**  
**Participant(s):** Nathan Stock, Field Officer Director, The Carter Center; Kate Taber, Liaison for the Presbyterian Church USA; Mazen Sinokrot, Former Minister of Economy.

7 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The War on Gaza**  
**Participant(s):** Pierre Karhenbuhl, Commissioner General, UNRWA; Hakam Shahwan, Staff Relations Advisor, UNRWA.

13 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Israel's War on Gaza**  
**Participant(s):** Dr. Martti Eirola, Head, Representative Office of Finland to the PA, Ramallah; Sanna Kyllonen, Deputy Representative, Representative Office of Finland to the PA, Ramallah.



13 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Israel's War on Gaza**  
**Participant(s):** Nicos Panayi, Head of the Representative Office of the Republic of Cyprus, Mihaeng Cho-Panaya; Solly Tshivhula, Counsellor, South African Representative Office to the State of Palestine.

18 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The Cairo Ceasefire Talks**  
**Participant(s):** Ingrid Ross, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Jerusalem;

Jakob Rieken, Program Manager, FES; Julia Biermeier, Intern, FES.



19 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Egypt, Hamas and the War on Gaza**  
**Participant(s):** Mostafa El Gamil, Consul General, Embassy of Egypt, Tel Aviv; Sherif Eissa, Second Secretary, Political Department, Embassy of Egypt, Tel Aviv.

23 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The War on Gaza**  
**Participant(s):** Prof. Uri Katz; Danny Robinstein, Journalist; Shlomo Aboulatio, Agronom; Prof. Hanoch Gutfreund; Prof Avishai Margalit.



25 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Australia and the War on Gaza**  
**Participant:** Tom Wilson, Head, Australian Representative Office, Ramallah.

26 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The Palestinian Cause**  
**Participant(s):** Natalia Martinez Pulido,

Journalist; Helena Zapater Hernandez, Medicine Student; Marcela Guerra Salvago, Nurse; Judit Sduchez Ortigosa, Political Scientist; Nerea Rodriguez Font, Lawyer; Alaa Saffouri, Researcher, PASSIA; Minas Rajabi, Researcher, PASSIA.

27 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The Gaza Ceasefire**  
**Participant(s):** Sung- Jan Yeo, Ongoing Ambassador, Representative Office of the Republic of Korea; Woong-Chul PAK, Upcoming Ambassador, Representative Office of the Republic of Korea; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Prof., Al-Quds University.

3 September 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The War on Gaza and the Day After**  
**Participant:** Bill Corcoran, President and CEO, ANERA Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

4 September 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Australia and the War on Gaza**  
**Participant(s):** Hayden Cooper, Middle East Correspondent, Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC); Fuad Abughosh, Producer, ABC; Lisa Main, ABC.

6 September 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestinian Reconciliation and What Lies Ahead?**  
**Participant:** Oliver McTernan, Director, Forward Thinking, UK.



22 September 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Research Study on Abd Al-Qader Al-Hussein**  
**Participant:** Danny Rubinstein, Journalist.

23 September 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Local Governance – an USAID Assessment**  
**Participant(s):** Rhys Payne, Senior Associate, Tetra Tech; Dr. Glenn E. Robinson, Associate Professor, Department of Defense Analysis, Naval Postgraduate School Journalist.



25 September 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestinians after the War on Gaza**  
**Participant(s):** Nathan Stock, Israeli-Palestine Field Office Director, The Carter Center, Ramallah; Hrair Balian, The Carter Center, Atlanta, USA.

29 September 2014, Legacy Hotel  
**Topic: Working Dinner**  
**Participant:** Nicos Panayi, Head of the Representative Office of the Republic of Cyprus, Ramallah.

13 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Future Cooperation**  
**Participant(s):** Dr. Dieter Kattermann, Head of Programmes, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbei-



it (GIZ); Shaden Katbeh, Programme Co-ordinator for Economic Projects, GIZ.

16 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Cairo Conference on the Reconstruction of Gaza - the Day After**  
**Participant:** Mostafa El Gamil, Egyptian Consul General, Tel Aviv.

20 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Courtesy Visit**  
**Participant:** Pirkko-Liisa Kyostila, Representative, Representative Office of Finland to the PA, Ramallah.



23 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Israeli Palestinian Conflict: The Range of Different Approaches of Understanding.**

**Participant:** Clem Naylor, the Foreign Office's Chief Analyst for Israel, the OPT and Jordan, London, UK.



5 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Political Analysis of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict**

**Participant(s):** William Asselborn, Belgian Foreign Ministry; Sophie Karlshausen, MaMa Delegate; De Pauw, Consul, Consulate General of the Kingdom of Belgium.



17 November, 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Follow up on Future Cooperation**

**Participant(s):** Dr. Dieter Kattermann, Head of Programmes, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ); Shaden Katbeh, Programme Co-ordinator for Economic Projects, GIZ; Marieke Gattermann, GIZ; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



17 November, 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Internal Palestinian Issues**  
**Participant(s):** Woong-Chul Pak, Head, Representative Office of the Republic of Korea in Palestine; Bumsoo Lee, Representative Office of the Republic of Korea in Palestine.

18 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestinian Internal Issues**  
**Participant(s):** William Sieghart, Chairman, Forward Thinking; Oliver McTernan, Director, Forward Thinking, UK.



27 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: NGOs**  
**Participant:** Natalia Shapovalova, PhD Candidate, the University of Warwick, UK.

13 December 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Gaza: The Process of Reconstruction**  
**Participant(s):** Oliver McTernan, Director, Forward Thinking, UK; Edward Channer, Projects Officer at Forward Thinking, UK.



## C. Media Briefs & Interviews

5 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestinian-Israeli Negotiations and John Kerry's Agenda**  
**Participant(s):** At Noon Program - Al-Jazeera TV.

6 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The John Kerry Mission - Ideas and the Palestinian-Israeli Negotiations**  
**Participant:** Sherene Younis, Sky TV News, Jerusalem.

14 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestinian-Israeli Negotiations**  
**Participant:** Martin Seemungal, Middle East Bureau Chief, CTV-Canadian TV.

2 February 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The Legacy of Count Bernadotte (Al-Jazeera Documentary TV)**  
**Participant(s):** Sawsan Qaoud, General Director, Mashahid for Art Production; Nael Manasrah, Cameraman, Mashahid for Art Production, Ramallah.

17 February 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Interview for 'Voicing Humanity' Documentary**  
**Participant:** Patricia Schneidewind

3 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: US-Israel Relations and the Negotiation Process**  
**Participant(s):** Firas Al-Dibes, Coordinator and Producer, Palestine Today TV; Ghassan Abu Eid, Press Photographer

6 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The Future of Palestinian-Israeli Negotiations**  
**Participant(s):** Adriaan Bloemendaal, Correspondent; de Volkskrant; Khalil As-sali, Journalist

13 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Israel's Escalation on the Gaza Strip (Interview)**

**Participant:** Kamal Tarabi, Monte Carlo Radio

15 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem.  
**Topic: President Mahmoud Abbas' Visit to Washington (March 17)**

**Participant:** BBC Radio (News Hour, London)

18 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Crisis of Leadership in Palestine**

**Participant:** Isabel Kershner, Journalist, The New York Times

20 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: President Obama's Upcoming Visit to Saudi Arabia**

**Participant:** Ali Khateeb, Journalist, Al Hurra TV.

20 March 2014, Sky TV News Studio, Jerusalem

**Topic: Palestinian-Israeli Negotiations**

**Participant:** Sherene Younis, Journalist, Sky TV News.

3 April 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Palestine Joining UN Organizations**

**Participant:** Dalia Nammari, Journalist, Russia Today Arabia

3 April 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Processes in the Middle East**

**Participant:** Jodi Rudoren, Jerusalem Bureau Chief, The New York Times

8 April 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Negotiation Process**

**Participant(s):** Keren Setton, Journalist,

China TV; Danny Superstein, Camera-man, China TV

24 April 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Gaza Declaration on Reconciliation (of 23 April 2014)**

**Participant(s):** Dalia Nammari, Journalist, Russia TV; Mohammad Osho, Camera-man, Russia Today TV

25 April 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Fatah-Hamas Reconciliation**

**Participant:** Jodi Rudoren, Jerusalem Bureau Chief, The New York Times.

2 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Unity Government under Abbas**

**Participant:** Gur Salomon (Xinhua, the official Chinese News Agency)

5 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The June War 1967 (An-Naksa)**

**Participant:** Aijaz Z. Syed, Gulf-based commentator, Arab News

7 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Israeli Media and John Kerry**

**Participant(s):** Dana Abu Shamsiya, Russia Today TV; Mohammad Osho, Russia Today TV; Dalia Nammari, Russia Today TV; Sari Nashashibi, Russia Today TV

17 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Israeli Escalations in the Occupied Palestinian Territories**

**Participant(s):** Dalia Nammari, Journalist, Russia TV; Mohammad Osho, Camera-man, Russia Today TV.

17 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Missing Three Israeli Settlers and What Lies Ahead**

**Participant:** Monte Carlo Doualiya.

23 June 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Missing Three Israeli Yeshiva Students**

**Participant:** Chinese TV

2 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Culture of Collective Punishment and Revenge: Where to?**

**Participant(s):** Kamal Tarabey, Monte Carlo

9 July 2014, Jerusalem

**Topic: The War on Gaza**

**Participant:** Alexandra Schwartzbrod, Liberation - Paris, France.

10 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Israel's War on Gaza**

**Participant:** Danny Superstein, Camera-man, China TV.

10 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Current Situation**

**Participant(s):** Hayat FM 100, Justine Martin, Journalist, TSF JAZZ, Paris

12 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Israeli War on Gaza**

**Participant:** Gabe Joselow, VOA News.

16 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Gaza: Ceasefire at the Crossroads**

**Participant(s):** Sabreen Taha, Journalist, Press TV; Mohammad Osho, Camera-man, Press TV .



17 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Third War on Gaza**

**Participant:** Ajyal Radio Network.

19 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: 'One Blood, One Enemy': Solidarity for Gaza Boils in West Bank**

**Participant:** Ben Lynfield, The Christian Science Monitor.

23 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Third War on Gaza**

**Participant:** Ajyal Radio Network

14 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Palestinian-Israeli Negotiations in Cairo on the Gaza War**

**Participant(s):** Dana Abu Shamsiya, Producer, Russia Today; Firas Sannawi, Photographer, Russia Today

18 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The War on Gaza**

**Participant:** Michele Monni, Journalist, ANSA.



21 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The War on Gaza and Confrontations in the West Bank**

**Participant:** Lama Ghosheh, TRT .

23 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The War on Gaza**

**Participant:** Julio De La Guardia, Middle East Correspondent, Política Exterior, Jerusalem.

25 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Israeli's Military Operation in Gaza and the Popular Response in Jerusalem and the West Bank**

**Participant(s):** Dana Abu Shamsiya, Producer, Russia Today; Dalia Nammari, Journalist, Russia TV; Firas Hindawi, Photographer, Russia Today.



27 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Gaza Ceasefire**  
**Participant(s):** Danny Superstein, Cameraman, China TV; Lin Gruber, Editor, China TV; Han Chong, Correspondent, Cameraman, Editor, China TV.

29 August 2014, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Gaza Ceasefire**  
**Participant:** May Abu Assab, Palestine TV

13 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Cairo Conference on Palestine and the Reconstruction of Gaza**  
**Participant:** Ediz Tiyansan, Correspondent, TRT TV.

28 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestinian Reading in the European "Red Lines"**  
**Participant:** Al-Jazeera

28 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Towards a Third Intifada?**  
**Participant(s):** Monte Carlo Doualiya

27 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestinian Defense of Their Religious Symbols**  
**Participant:** Kamal Triebe

4 December 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Gaza**  
**Participant:** Sarah Helm, Newsweek, European Edition.

16 December, 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The EU and Palestine**  
**Participant:** Ajyal Radio, Ramallah

26 December 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestine in 2014**  
**Participant:** Nile TV, Egypt

26 December 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestine in 2014**  
**Participant:** Turkish TV, Turkey

26 December 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestine in 2014**  
**Participant:** PalMedia TV, Palestine

26 December 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestine in 2014**  
**Participant:** Palestine TV, Palestine

31 December 2014, PASSIA  
**Topic: Palestinians Set to Seek Redress in a World Court**  
**Participant:** Jodi Rudoren, Jerusalem Bureau Chief, New York Times.

## JERUSALEM

### Introduction

Ever since its foundation in 1987, the Question of Jerusalem has been a primary focus of PASSIA's activities. Besides hosting meetings, projects include academic research, documentation, publication, and cooperation with other institutions to increase both awareness and knowledge concerning the various aspects of the Holy City.

Over the years, Palestinian, Israeli, and foreign speakers from a variety of backgrounds (including scholars and academics, representatives from the three monotheistic religions, political figures, diplomats and visiting scholars or researchers) have been invited to give presentations and encourage debate on the issues at hand.

PASSIA projects intend to facilitate the exchange of information, to identify various needs and interests in the city and to encourage the development of possible future scenarios. These goals, in turn, have led to the discussion of a broad range of topics, including infrastructure, demographic and geopolitical issues, settlements and land use, 'absentee property', the Old City, religion and religious affiliation with the city, Israeli institutions, and future scenarios for the status of the city.

The following activities with a focus on Jerusalem took place during 2014 (for subjects specifically related to Al-Aqsa Mosque and other holy places in the city please see the "Religious Studies Unit" chapter):

### A. Roundtable Meetings

17 February 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Jerusalem and Palestinian Civil Society**

**Participant(s):** Dr. Erik Tornlund; Dr. Anna Hjalms; Sarvia Grijaly; Rev. Blandina Frausien Sawayae, Pastor; Dr. Mbabazi Veneranda; Prof. Varghese Manimala; Angel Lam, S.T.M.; Reverend Lilly Phiri; Gladson Jathanna, Assistant Professor; Dr. Edgar Antonio Lopez, Theologist; Hermann Mvula's, lecturer; Caroline Kyhlback, Minister to the Church of Sweden; Carin Gardbring, Senior Advisor; Obvious Vengeyi, Senior Lecturer; Dr. Rose Mukansegimana, Lecturer; Florence Iminra, Theologian; Praveen P.S. Perumalla, Assistant Professor.



26 February 2014, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Crisis of Identity and Education in Jerusalem**

**Speaker:** Samir Jibril, Director of Education, Awqaf Department, Directorate of Jerusalem.

**Participant(s):** Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA; Ali Sabbah, Coordinator of Activities; Dr. Abdel Rahman Abbad, Secretary General for the Muslim Scholars and Ulama in Palestine; Dr. Sulaiman Rabadi, Freres College for Boys & Girls (De la Salle); Aref Hussein, Founder of Al-Nayzak; Fayzeh Zalatimo, Medical Tech; Sawsan Safadi, PR Manager; Adel Ghazzawi, Mohammad Bader, Hakim Dirbas, Muayad Bader, Lana Fraij, Osama Abu Khdeir, Raed Halabi, Abeer Irbas, Hanin Naafeh, Mohammad Sayyad, Delegation from the Parents Committee Union; Dima Samman, Director General, Directorate of Education; Ahmad Dureidi, Rosary Sisters' High School, Dr. Maha Samman, Head of Urban Studies and Spatial Practices program at Al-Quds Bard Honors College for Liberal Arts and Sciences; Sireen Yihya, Student; Nadeen Nashashibi, Project Coordinator, Yabous Cultural Center; Abed Abu Diab; Adv. Azzam Hashlamon, Director, Dar Al-Aytam; Mustafa Kemal Sahin, Vice Consul, Turkish Consulate; Abdel Aziz Rajabi; Sonia Quteineh; Hanin Joulani, Teacher; Abdel Karim Lafi, President of Parents Committee Union, Sinan Abdel Qader, Architect; Khaled Kaloti, Engineer; Abdel Qader Hussein, Faisal Hussein Foundation; Yaser Abdel Rahman Abu Dayi, Rosary Sisters' High School; Nasser Hidmi; Eng. Abdel Qader Tahboub; Darwish Hijazi; Amani Khalifa; Husni Al-Natsheh, Director Manager, Housing Council; Mahmoud Abu AL-Rob, Rosary Sisters' High School; Jamil Abdel Rahman, Lecturer; Mohammad Jamal Abu Khdeir, Journalist; Hisham Issa Hidmi, Lecturer; Nadim Jamal, Journalist; Abdel Latif Ghaith; Omar Mustafa Alami, Deputy General Manager, Jerusalem Cigarette Co. Ltd.; Elias Khouri, Lawyer; Dr. Iyad Hallaq, Lecturer; Eng. Khalid Khatib, Palestinian Heritage Museum; Daoud Ghoul; Father Rafiq Khouri, Latin Patriarchate.



5 March 2014, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

**Topic: Jerusalem - Future Perspectives**

**Participant(s):** Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA; Basem Abdel Hamid Al-Sa'eh; Diana Safi; Khalil Assali; Mohammad Kirresh, PEA; Tamer Maliha; Dr. Ghassan Abdallah, CARE; George Filman; Kursad Mahmat, TIKa; Ishaq Budeiry, Lawyer; Fouad Al-Hallaq, Policy Advisor; Farid Al-Qawasmi, Taxi Driver; Kery F.H., Student; Abdel Maseeh Younan, Chancellery; Dr. Suleiman Ghosheh; Simon Azazian, Bible Society; Nicolao Atallah, Sabeel; Fr. Rafiq Khouri, Latin Patriarchate; Nahel Hudhud; Enas Muthaffar, Filmmaker; Mustafa Kemal Sahin, Vice Consul, Turkish Consulate; Riman Barakat,

Co Director, IPCRCI; Haj Abed Abu Diab; Munir Nusseibeh, Director, Community Work Center; Za'al Adawiya; Ibrahim Hussein, Journalist; Malik Zablah, DTA; Mohammad Jaddeh; Maher Abu Khater, Journalist; Zakariya Odeh; Haya Totah; Zahra Khalidi, Academic Coordinator; Abdel Latif Ghaith; Ziyad Abu Zayyad, Writer; Ziyad Hammouri; Itedal



Ashhab; Mais Abu Arafah, Financial Director; Walid Salim, Director, CDCD; Dr. Arafat Hidmi, Chairman of Board of Directors, Al-Makassed; Adel Ghazzawi, Parents Committee Union; Dr. Jeries Khouri, Al-Liqa Center; Sawsan Safadi; Basem Abu Asab; Salah Zuheika; Khalid Al-Khatib, Palestinian Heritage Museum; Ghada K. Dibs; Andreas Jahshan; Usama Halabi; Muna Al-Shaikh; Saed Ghazi Saed; Nasser Hidmi; Hiba Al-Atrash; Muhammad Jabareen; Abdel Karim Lafi; Ibrahim Shaban; Khalid Kaloti; Hatim Khweis; Fayzeh Zalatimo; Dr. Awad Mansour; Shifa Mansour; Bernard Sabella; Dr. Hani Abdeen; Jamal Ghosheh; Andrea Semplici; Dr. Omar Yousef, Al-Quds University; Jumana Jaouni; Nadim Al-Jamal; Dr. Nicolas Ninios.

7 May 2014, Khalil Al-Sakakini, Ramallah

**Topic: Contemporary Jerusalem**

**Speaker:** Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA

**Organizer:** Carter Center, Ramallah



27 September, 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** Tove M. Anderson; Inge Marie Frandsen; Hans Erik Andersen; Oluf Pedersen; Eigil Veggerby Lausten; Flemming Andersen; Kaj Ross-Hansen, UNI THEUL; Gertrud Bisgaard; Ida Skoh Mogensen, Midwife; Eva Brynildsen, Midwife; Liss Matthiesen, Teacher; Hans Henrik Fatner, Journalist; Stig Matthiesen, Journalist.



9 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Jerusalem and the Two-State Solution**

**Participant(s):** Sara Lisherness, Director, Compassion, Peace and Justice; Greg Allen-Pickett, General Manager, World Mission (PCUSA); Rick Jones, Communications Strategist; Rev. Victor Makari, Presbyterian Church (USA) Partnership Liaison.



17 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** Harvey Beck, A., WPO Ontario, Canada, Active Allowance Inc., Entrepreneur; Michael W Bollhoff, Young Presidents' Organization (YPO) Rhine, Germany, Wilhelm Bollhoff GmbH & Co. KG, Managing Partner; Yann Borgstedt, YPO Alpine, Switzerland Securarchiv SA, CEO; Olivier Calloud, YPO Alpine, Switzerland; Pignet Galland & Cie SA, CEO; John P. DeBlasio, YPO Chicago, Windy, United States, Sallyport Global Holdings, President; Christoph Hoermann, YPO Rhine, Germany, Hoermann KG, Managing Partner; Steven M. Kupka, WPO US Capital, United States, Husch Blackwell Sanders LLP, Managing Partner; Dale L. Lefebvre, YPO US Capital, United States, 3.5.7.11 Investments, Founder and Executive Chairman; Marwan Naja, YPO Alpine, Switzerland, Bellevue Education Group, Chairman of the Board; Maurice S. Ostro, YPO London, United Kingdom, Ostro Minerals (UK) Ltd, Chairman; Tim Perutz, YPO London, United Kingdom, P3 Group Ltd, Managing Director UK Group; Yasser Shahin, YPO South Australia, Australia / New Zealand, Peregrine Corporation, Executive Director; Michael A. Stoltzfus, YPO US Capital, United States, Dynamic Aviation, President & CEO; Cathrine-Anne Burda, Burda Media; Kurt R. Schwarz, Active Investor; Louis a Bojesen, Anchor of CNBC's Flagship Afternoon TV Show, Ambassador for Denmark; Tamari Dalla, Advisor for Philanthropic Matters to W&P S.A in Geneva, Officer of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.



## B. Briefings

4 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Jerusalem Municipality**

**Participant(s):** Kathryn Hadyman, Student at Tufts University.

11 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Education in Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** Union of Parents Committees in East Jerusalem Schools: Abed El-Karim Abu Lafi; Zaki Abu Ta'a; Hatem Khweis; Mohammad Nasser Eddin.



15 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** Mostafa El Gamil, Egyptian Consul General, Tel Aviv; Mr. Hazem Gheith, Political officer, Egyptian Representative office, Ramallah; Dr. Abdul Rahman Abbad, Lecturer, Al-Quds University.

21 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** H.E. Leonhard Moll, Austrian Representative to the PA, Ramallah; Christoph Sternat, Political Consul, Austrian Representative office, Ramallah.

18 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Jerusalem Issues**

**Participant:** Hazem Gheith, Political Officer, Egyptian Representative Office, Ramallah.

20 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Three Cemeteries of the Mount of Olives and the Kedron Valley**

**Participant:** Clémence Vendryes, Student, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France.

27 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Civil Society Issues in Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** Dr. Abdel Rahman Abbad, Secretary General for the Muslim Scholars and Ulama in Palestine; Adnan Husseini, Minister of Jerusalem Affairs.

1 April 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Jerusalem Issues**

**Participant(s):** Norwegian & Dutch Solidarity with Palestine Delegation: Peter M. Johansen, Journalist, Klassekampen; Erling Petersen, Teacher; Marianne Oeen; Egul Ole Oeen, Dr. Vet. Med.; Alf Steinar Kneppen, Teacher, Historian; Arne Skogen Lekve, Retired; Henning Aanes, National Insurance Court, Medical Judge; Elizabeth Areler, Pensionist; Jane Blameri; Gunnar Guddling, Retired.



26 April 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The Current Political Situation in Jerusalem**  
**Participant(s):** Dr. Geries Khoury, Director, Al-Liqa Center for Religious and Heritage Studies in the Holy Land, Bethlehem; Laure Foucher, Researcher.



17 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Jerusalem – An Endless Conflict?**  
**Participant(s):** Michael Blair, Exec. Minister, Church of Canada; Khwaka Kukubo, Advisor, Refugees, Immigration & Migration, United Church of Canada; Gail Allan, Coordinator, Ecumenical Interchurch & Interfaith Relations; Wendy Gichuru, Program Coordinator, Africa & Middle East Partnerships.



21 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Human Rights, International Law, and the Question of Jerusalem**  
**Participant(s):** Victor Peskin, Political Science Professor, Arizona State University, United States.

16 June 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Planning in and for Jerusalem**  
**Participant(s):** Wendy Pullan, Director, Martin Centre for Architecture and Urban Studies, Department of Architecture, University of Cambridge, UK.

10 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Jerusalem between Pragmatism and Idealism**  
**Participant(s):** Dr. Yara Saifi, Architect, Dean, Hind Al-Husseini, Al-Quds University; Dr. Omar Yousef, Architect and Urbanist, Head, MA Jerusalem Studies, Al-Quds University; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



14 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Jerusalem between Pragmatism and Idealism**  
**Participant(s):** Wendy Pullan, Director, Martin Centre for Architecture and Urban Studies, Department of Architecture, University of Cambridge, UK; Danny Rubinstein, Journalist.



17 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The Youth in Jerusalem and the War in Gaza**  
**Participant(s):** Helene Sallon, Journalist, Le Monde; Achikam Seri, Cameraman, Le Monde.

09 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The Jerusalem File**  
**Participant(s):** Abdel Latif Ghaith, Chair of the Board, Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association; Khaled Zabarkeh, Director, Al-Quds Association for Development; Hatem Abdel Qader, The Jerusalem File; Sheikh Azzam El-Khatib, General Director, Islamic Waqf; Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Mazen Sinokrot, Awqaf Council; Firas Zaghal, Councilor.



2 September, 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Civil Society Institutions in Jerusalem**  
**Participant(s):** Fadi Hidmi, Director General, Arab Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Jerusalem; Ishaq Budeiry, Lawyer, Director, Arab Studies Society.

2 September 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Egypt and Jerusalem**  
**Participant(s):** Hazem Gheith, Political Officer, Egyptian Representative Office, Ramallah; Ishaq Budeiry, Lawyer, Director, Arab Studies Society.

10 September 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The Crisis of Education in Jerusalem**  
**Participant(s):** Afif Safieh, Former Ambassador to the Russian Federation; Diana Safieh, Safieh Tours; Sister Francesca Pourato; Alaa Saffouri, Researcher, PASSIA; Minas Rajabi, Researcher, PASSIA.



22 September 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Research Study on Abd Al-Qader Al-Husseini**  
**Participant:** Danny Rubinstein, Journalist.

24 September 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Health Issues in Jerusalem (Al-Makassed Hospital)**  
**Participant:** Hazem Gheith, Political Officer, Egyptian Representative Office, Ramallah.

2 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Spain and Jerusalem**  
**Participant(s):** Juan José Escobar Stemmann, Consul General, Consulate General of Spain, Jerusalem; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.

15 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Altering the Character of Jerusalem**  
**Participant(s):** Fouad Hallaq, Negotiations Affairs Department; Sana Hasna,

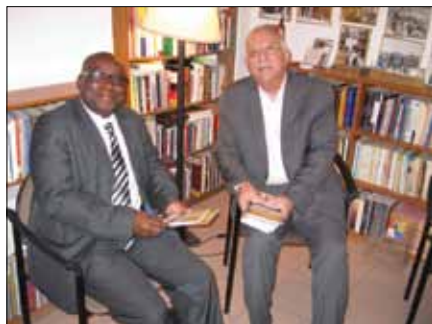
Negotiations Affairs Department; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



15 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Israeli Colonization of Jerusalem**  
Participant: Khalil Tafakji, Settlements Expert, Orient House.

23 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Jerusalem and the Mission of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)**  
Participant(s): Frederic Boyer, Head of Mission of Jerusalem and WB, ICRC; Jumana Jaouni, Communication Officer, ICRC.

27 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Jerusalem**  
Participant: Solly Tshivhula, Counselor, South African Representative Office to the State of Palestine.



6 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Jerusalem and Gaza**  
Participant: Nathan Stock, Field Office Director, The Carter Center.

11 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **The Political Situation in Jerusalem**  
Participant: Victorien Hanche, Intern (Political Affairs), Consulate General of Belgium, Jerusalem.



11 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Research Study on Jerusalem**  
Participant: Dr. Sheikh Ekrima Sa'id Sabri, Head of the Supreme Islamic Council, Al-Aqsa Mosque Preacher, Head of the Council for Muslim Preachers and Scholars.

25 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Jerusalem**  
Participant(s): Hazem Gheith, Political Officer, Egyptian Representative Office, Ramallah; Ahmed Abou-Auf, Political Officer, Egyptian Representative Office.

27 November 2014, Turkish Consulate, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Turkey and Jerusalem**  
Participant(s): Sheikh Abdel Azim Salhab,



Head of the High Council of Waqf; Ambassador Mustafa Sarnic, Consul General of the Republic of Turkey, Jerusalem.



27 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Palestinian Education in Jerusalem**  
Participant: Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Al-Iman Schools.

2 December 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Jerusalem and Turkish Politics**  
Participant: Ambassador Mustafa Sarnic, Consul General of the Republic of Turkey.



4 December 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Jerusalem**  
Participant(s): Stephane Vazelle, Senior Political Affairs Officer, UN; Pascal Soto, UN; Yih Peng Chia, Political Affairs Officer, UN; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



06 December 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Jerusalem Today**  
Participant(s): Gerry Adams, President, Sinn Féin International; Richard McAuley, Press Officer, Sinn Féin International; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



Irish Parliament Votes to Recognize Palestinian State



Orient House, Jerusalem  
6th December 2014  
"Building without Leadership is better than Leadership without People"  
Faisal Hussaini



The Battle of Streets Names in Jerusalem  
6th December 2014

## C. Media briefs & interviews

6 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Eiad Elnael, General Manager and Director, Al- Basher TV Production, Al-Quds TV.

14 March 2014, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives

Topic: **Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Ms. May Abu Assab, Palestine TV, Good Morning Jerusalem.

20 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Shu'fat Refugee Camps**

Participant(s): Ismael Kiswani, China TV; Dani Salamt, China TV.

20 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian Properties in Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Sherene Abu Aqleh, Al Jazeera TV.



10 April 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Christine Rinawi, Palestine TV, Jerusalem; Ali Yassin, Cameraman, Palestine TV.



3 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Crisis in Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Danny Superstein, Cameraman, China TV.

3 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Crisis in Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Ajyal Radio, Ramallah.

7 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Issues**

Participant(s): 7ala FM, Ramallah.

7 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Issues**

Participant(s): Dalia Nammari, Journalist, Russia TV; Dana Abu Shamsiya, Russia TV; Mohammad Osho, Cameraman, Russia TV.

6 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Culture of Fear in Jerusalem**

Participant: Mohammad Sharif, Cameraman, Palestine Today TV.

28 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Recent Developments in Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Ajyal Radio Network .

28 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem: What Lies Ahead?**

Participant(s): Keren Setton, Journalist,

XINHUA China TV; Danny Superstein, Cameraman, XINHUA China TV.

6 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Recent Events in Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Sherene Abu Aqleh, Al-Jazeera TV; Samir Abu Gharbiah, Cameraman, Al-Jazeera TV.



13 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Youth of Jerusalem**

Participant: Emily Harris, Jerusalem Bureau Chief, National Public Radio (NPR).

20 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem: What Lies ahead?**

Participant(s): Al-Jazeera - English

18 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Recent Developments in Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Labeeb Jazmawi, Al-Jazeera TV.

02 December 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Orient House in Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Al-Jazeera TV



19 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Civil Society in Jerusalem: What Lies Ahead?**

Participant(s): Yukie Yamao, Jerusalem Bureau Chief, The Asahi Shimbun.

24 December 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem in the Year 2014**

Participant(s): Dana Abu Shamsiya, Producer, Russia Today; Mohammad Osho, Cameraman, Russia Today.





## Religious Studies Unit

### Introduction & Background

Interfaith matters and religious issues have always had a special place in PASSIA's regular meeting program, and having realized the increasing need for better understanding between the various religious communities, in early 1998, PASSIA decided to establish a Religious Study Unit devoted to interreligious dialogue and activities. The unit's work focuses on the role and significance of religion for different people and tries to promote understanding of, and respect for, others in order to address this religious diversity. Subjects discussed include the causes and consequences of problems within and between the established religious communities and activities that contribute to the elimination of misconceptions and stereotypes. The PASSIA Religious Studies Unit combines the following activities, some of which held 'off the record' to allow for the frankest exchange and debates possible:

Workshops and seminars are encounters on a specific topic, involving either members of the three monotheistic religions or only representatives of the Christian or Muslim community. These workshops intended to help participants to find common ground and to allow different religions to work in harmony and on an equal footing.

Participation in conferences, here and abroad, that deal with aspects of religion, belief and interfaith relations, or foster an open and free debate on religious issues and aspects as they concern the people in the Holy Land are also a fix part of PASSIA's Religious Studies Unit.

In addition, meetings and brainstorming sessions are organized, involving members of PASSIA's Religious Studies Unit and local and foreign counterparts/project partners from the three monotheistic religions with the aim of fostering coordination of ongoing and future activities. Some of the dialogues sessions take place with representatives from one or more of the three monotheistic religions, which usually include a guest speaker presenting a certain topic related to inter- or intra-religious issues followed by a discussion.

Documentation and publication of research studies or proceedings from meetings/seminars are also part of the Religious Studies Unit's activities.

During 2014, the following activities took place/were organized:

## A. Meetings & Workshops

13 March 2014, Abrahams Herberge, Beit Jala

**Topic: World Council of Churches-Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum Meeting**

**Organizers:** World Council of Churches (WCC), Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum (PIEF)

**Resource person(s):** Dr. Mahdi F. Abdul Hadi, Head of the Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs (PASSIA); Fr Dr. Jamal Khader, Dean, Faculty of Art, Bethlehem University; Rev. Rajbharat Patta, General Secretary, Student Christian Movement of India; Yusef Daher, Executive Secretary, Jerusalem Inter-Church Centre (JIC); Anna Hjalms, Ecumenical Officer for JIC; Nader Muaddi, Advocacy Officer, Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI); Jet den Hollander, Local Program Coordinator, EAPPI, Jerusalem Coordination office; Michel Nseir, Program Executive, Special Focus on the Middle East, World Council of Churches; Ranjan Solomon, PIEF Communication Officer.

**Participant(s):** Nidal Abuzuluf, Manager, Joint Advocacy Initiative (JAI); Simon Awad, Executive Director, Environmental Education Center (EEC) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL); Dr. Mark Braverman, Executive Director, Holy Land Education and Peace Building Project; Rev. Mark B. Brown, Regional Representative, The Lutheran World Federation; Nora Carmi, Kairos Palestine; Rev. María Araceli Ezzatti Rodriguez, Methodist pastor and ICM pastor, Member and Coordinator of EAPPI; Catherine Gordon, Representative for International Issues, Presbyterian Church (USA), Office of Public Witness Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministry, General Assembly Mission Council; Fuad Giacaman, Adviser and Co-president, Arab Educational Institute (AEI); José Henriquez, Secretary General, Pax Christi International; Rifat Odeh Kassis, General Coordinator, Kairos Palestine; Rami Kassis, Executive Director, Alternative Tourism Group; Dr. Felipe Gustavo Koch Buttelli, Kairós Palestina Brasil; Hildegard Lenz, Ecumenical Accompanier, Coordinator of the German Palestine Solidarity Network; Rania Murra, Director, Arab Educational Institute (AEI); Dr. Muna Mushahwar, Arab Orthodox Union Club; Dr. Audeh B. Quawas, WCC Central Committee member, Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem; Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, President, Diyar Consortium; Rev. Eilert Rostrup,



Director, The Karibu Foundation; Rev. Dr. Robert O. Smith, Area Program Director for the Middle East & North Africa, ELCA Global Mission; George Stephan, ACT Palestine Forum Coordinator; Dr. Martha Tonsers, Kairos Palestine, Advocacy Officer; Dr. Stiaan van der Merwe, Kairos Southern Africa; Robert van Drimmelen, Former APRODEV General Secretary; David Wildman, Executive Secretary, Human Rights & Racial Justice, General Board of Global Ministries; H.G. Bishop Munib A. Younan, Lutheran Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan & the Holy Land; Ramzi Zananiri, Executive Director, International Christian Committee – Jerusalem; Dr. Zoughbi Zoughbi, Founder & Director, WI'AM Palestinian Conflict Resolution Center, Bethlehem.

12 April 2014, Al-Iman School, Jerusalem

**Topic: Al-Aqsa Brochure Contest at Al-Iman School, Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA; Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Al-Iman Schools; Students.



16 April 2014, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

**Topic: Challenges Facing Al-Aqsa Mosque**

**Organizer:** PASSIA

**Participant(s):** Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA; Mahfouz Abu Turk, Journalist; Murad Isaid, Journalist; Sheikh Muhammad Ahmad Hussein, Grand Mufti of Jerusalem; Dr. Arafat Hidmi, Chairman of Board of Trustees, Al-Makassed; Dr. Ishaq Yacoub Al-Qtob, Director General, Samer Nusseibeh, Engineer; Quai Abbas, Project Coordinator; Mahira Dajani, President, Dar Al-Tifl Al-Arabi; Fayza Zalatimo, Deputy President, Dar Al-Tifl Al-Arabi; Fadwa Zalatimo, President, Friends' Society of the Islamic Orphanage School; Sheikh Abdel Azim Salhab, Head of the High Council of Waqf, Ahmad Hashem Al-Zughayyar, President, Federation of Palestinian Chambers of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture; Adnan Hussein, Minister of Jerusalem Affairs; Sheikh Azzam El-Khatib, General Director of the Islamic Waqf; Mazin Jaabari, Director; Dr. Bassam Abu Libdeh, Medical Doctor, Al-Makassed; Nasser Hidmi, Political Activist; Dr. Abdel Rahman Abbad, Secretary General for the Muslim Ulama and Scholars in Palestine; Nimer Shaaban Al-Safadi, Teacher/Translator; Murad Bustami, Human Rights Officer, UN; Khaled Kaloti; Khaled Halabi Hamo; Mazin Abu Al-Soud; Sheikh Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Prof., Al-Quds University; Mohammad Nusseibeh, Engineer; Dr. Ahmad Fawaqa, Lecturer; Dr. Mahmoud Ibrahim Nasser Al-Dein, Financial Director, Awqaf; Nabil Hammouda, General Director; Sheikh Yacoub Shabaneh, Member of the Sharia'a Appeal Court; Dr. Mohammad Qtob, President, Arab Development Society; Itedal Al-Ashhab, Educational Portfolio & Member at the National Conference; Bashir Nusseibeh, Lawyer; Dr. Awad Mansour; Ahmad Safadi, Director, Elya.



3 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Relations of the Islamic Tradition to Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** Majin Pries, Pastor, PhD; Martina Severin Kaiser, Ecumenical Officer, Lutheran Church, Northern Germany; Martin Lowensdein, Dipl. Meol, M.A., President of Oeeom Christian Council, Hamburg; Matthias Bohl, Rev., District-Pastor, Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Hamburg; Kertto Salmehen-Thiene, Lay Women Board, ACKH; Ortrun Onnen, Lay Women Board, ACUH; Sylvia Yildiz, ACKHH; Agocan Anetta, ACK, Hamburg; Behige Uihic, ACK, Hamburg



8 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Palestinian Christian Schools and the Issue of Al-Hijab**

**Participant(s):** Patriarch Michel Sabbah, Former Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem; Dr. Khaldoun Bader, Assistant Prof., Al-Quds University; Mohammad Abu Assab, Merchant; Sonia Nasser Eddin, Housewife; Mamoun Farrah, Merchant; Dr. Nader Salaymeh, Pharmacist; Alaa Shweiky, Merchant; Fatima Al-Muaqet, Gen. Dir.; Rifat Nasser Eddin, Head, Faithful League of JDECO; Terry Boullata; Yousef Daher; Jumana Talhami Salaymeh, Pharmacist.



16 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Reality and Challenges Facing Al-Aqsa Mosque, the Awqaf and the Islamic Affairs Council**

**Participant(s):** Sheikh Abdel Azim Salhab, Acting Chief Judge, Head of the High Council of Waqf; Mohammad Nusseibeh, Awqaf Council Member, Mohammad Subhi Jabarein, Head, Al-Aqsa Association for Waqf and Heritage; Dr. Suleiman Ahmad Al-Masra Association; Sheikh Ibrahim Said Sabri, Awqaf Council Member; Hatem Abdel Qader, The Jerusalem File, former Minister of Jerusalem Affairs; Ali Abu Sheikha, Islamic Movement inside the 1948 Palestine; Adv. "Mohammad Bashir" Al-Muhtaseb, Awqaf Council Member; Adnan Husseini, Governor of Jerusalem; Hani Abdeen, Dean,



Medicine Faculty, Awqaf Council Member; Mustafa Abu Zahra, Hammad Abu Deibes, Head, Islamic Movement inside the 1948 Palestine; Hani Issawi; Dr. Mohammad Ibrahim Nasser Al-Din, General Director Assistant, Islamic Waqf; Jamal Abu Taameh, Legal Consultant, Islamic Awqaf; Sheikh Azzam El-Khatib, General Director, Islamic Waqf, Sheikh Jamil Abdul Rahim Hamami, Secretary General, Supreme Islamic Council, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Mohammad Zeidan, Head, Higher Arab Monitoring Committee; Mazen Sinokrot, Awqaf Council; Sheikh Kamal Khateeb, Islamic Movement; Dr. Ikirma Sabri, Supreme Islamic Council; Sheikh Muhammad Ahmad Hussein, Grand Mufti of Jerusalem; Ziyad Hammouri; Safwat Freij, Aqsa Association, Islamic Movement; Ahmad Hisham Zghayyer, Chamber of Commerce; Abdel Latif Ghaith, Head, Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association; Fouad Daqqaq, Awqaf Council Member; Sheikh Qasem Rayyan, President, Aqsa Association; Tasneem Kassem, Consultant, Dimensions Consulting; Firas Zaghal, Consultant; Omar Kiswani, Director, Al-Aqsa Mosque; Hikmat Naamneh; Director, Al-Aqsa Association; Adv. Khaled Zabarkah, Director; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Dean, Faculty of Da'wa and Principles of Religion; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA.



20 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Custodianship of Al-Aqsa Mosque**

**Participant(s):** Ibrahim Shaaban, Lecturer & Advocate; Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Mazen Sinokrot, Awqaf Council, Former Minister of Economy; Musa Dweik, Lecturer; Dr. Mahdi F. Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA.



25 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Rosary Sisters' High School and the Issue of the Veil**

**Participant(s):** Sheikh Muhammad Ahmad Hussein, Grand Mufti of Jerusalem; Bishop William Shomali, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem; Yousef Daher; Hazem Kawasmi; Dr. Nader Salaymeh, Pharmacist; Terry Boullata; Adnan Joulani; Talal Nasser Eddin, BZU Pharmaceutical; Itedal Al-Ashhab, Educational Portfolio & Member at the National Conference; Abdel Qader Hussein, Faisal Hussein Foundation; Aref Hussein, Founder of Al-Nayzak; Mohammad Abu Assab, Merchant.



22 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Challenges Facing the Holy Sites in Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** Loris Elqura, Coordination Officer; Kristofor Carlin, Political Affairs Officer; Yih Peng Chia, Political Affairs Officer, UNSCO; Gregory Raikes, Political Affairs Officer, UNSCO; Shifa Jayousi, UNSCO.



**"Pessimism of the intellect,  
optimism of the will"**

*Antonio Gramsci (1891-1937)*

## B. Briefings

6 February 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Holy Places in Jerusalem**

**Participant:** Archimandrite Dr. Atallah Hanna, Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem



8 February 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Holy Places in Jerusalem**

**Participant:** Sheikh Azzam El-Khatib, General Director of the Islamic Waqf.

1 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: His Holiness Pope Francis' Visit to Jerusalem in May**

**Participant(s):** Andrea Semplici, blog writer; Vittore Buzzi, Photographer.



10 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Jerusalem and the Holy Sites**

**Participant:** Ben Harun Baruch, Neturei Karta, Jerusalem

13 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Holy Places in Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** Rabbi David Rosen, International Director of Interreligious Affairs for the America Jewish Committee, Jerusalem; Avner Haramati, researcher.

29 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: His Holiness Pope Francis' Visit to Jerusalem and the Holy Places**

**Participant:** Sheikh Azzam El-Khatib, General Director of the Islamic Waqf.

5 April 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Political Islam and Europe: UK Politics**

**Participant(s):** Sir John Jenkins, HM British Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Muna Shamsuddin, HM Consul (Political), British Consulate-General Jerusalem.



28 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Christian Community in Jerusalem**

**Participant:** Nicos Panayi, Representative of Cyprus.

10 June 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Holy Places in Jerusalem**

Participant: Sheikh Azzam El-Khatib, General Director of the Islamic Waqf.



17 June 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **PhD Research Study on the Islamic Movement**  
Participant(s): Charles Kirchofer, PhD Candidate, Department of War Studies, King's College, London.

20 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Challenges Facing Al-Aqsa Mosque**  
Participant: Sheikh Muhammad Ahmad Hussein, Grand Mufti of Jerusalem.

23 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Al-Aqsa Mosque**  
Participant: Sheikh Azzam El-Khatib, General Director of the Islamic Waqf.

30 September 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Jewish Religious Schools of Thought**  
Participant: Ofer Zalberg, Senior Analyst, Middle East and North Africa Program, International Crisis Group, Jerusalem.

18 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **The Islamic Waqf and the Question of Jerusalem**  
Participant(s): Sheikh Azzam El-Khatib, General Director of the Islamic Waqf; Mazen Sinokrot, Awqaf Council, Former Minister of Economy; Ihab El-Khatib.

19 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Research Study on the Mufti of Jerusalem**  
Participant(s): Prof. Yitzhak Reiter, Chair, Land of Israel Studies, Ashkelon Academic College, Senior Research Fellow at JIIS and the Truman Institute, Hebrew University; Jumana Muhtaseb, Intern, PASSIA.

22 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **The Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem**  
Participant(s): Sherif Eissa, Second Secretary, Political Department, Embassy of Egypt, Tel Aviv; Afif Safieh, Former Ambassador to the Russian Federation; Dr. Wilfried Graf, Co-Director, Kelman Institute; Ofer Zalberg, Senior Analyst, Middle East and North Africa Program, International Crisis Group.



29 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Al-Aqsa Mosque and Jewish Provocations**  
Participant: Sheikh Muhammad Ahmad Hussein, Grand Mufti of Jerusalem



1 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **The Closure of Al-Aqsa Mosque on Thursday, 30 October 2014**  
Participant: Sheikh Azzam El-Khatib, General Director of the Islamic Waqf.

5 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Cairo-Amman Coordination on the status quo in the Holy Places of Jerusalem**  
Participant: Hazem Gheith, Political Officer, Egyptian Representative Office, Ramallah

26 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Al-Aqsa Mosque**  
Participant: Sheikh Abdel Azim Salhab, Head of the High Council of Waqf

29 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Al-Aqsa Mosque**  
Participant: Sheikh Azzam El-Khatib, General Director of the Islamic Waqf.

6 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **The Current Situation on Al-Haram Al-Sharif and Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem**  
Participant: Valerie Feron, Journalist

22 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **His Holiness Pope Francis' Visit to Jerusalem and the Holy Places**  
Participant: Kristell Bernaud, Middle East Correspondent, French National Radio Europe I

27 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **His Holiness Pope Francis' Visit to Jerusalem**  
Participant(s): Christine Rinawi, Palestine TV, Jerusalem; Ali Yassin, Cameraman, Palestine TV

8 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Al-Aqsa Mosque Today**  
Participant: Khalil Assali, Journalist

9 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound and Israeli Provocations**  
Participant: Nicolas Pelham, Jerusalem Correspondent, The Economist



## C. Media Briefs & Interviews

27 February 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Israeli Knesset Debate on Al-Aqsa Mosque: Control or Sovereignty and its Implications**  
Participant(s): Alan Fisher, Senior Correspondent, Al-Jazeera English Language Channel; Mimi (Mariam) Daher, News Producer/Bureau, Al-Jazeera English Language Channel.



23 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Al-Aqsa Holy Mosque**  
Participant(s): Mimi (Mariam) Daher, News Producer, Jerusalem Bureau, Aljazeera English; Imtiaz Tyab,

Correspondent, Aljazeera English; Samir Abu Gharbiah, Cameraman, Aljazeera English



Participant(s): Matt Brown, Journalist, ABC Australia; Fouad Abu Ghosh, Producer, ABC Australia.

6 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Challenges Facing Al-Aqsa Mosque and other Holy Places in Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Tom Rayner, Journalist, Sky News-English Sameer Bazbaz, Cameraman, Sky News-English.



5 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Recent Israeli Aggressions against Al-Aqsa Mosque**  
Participant: Saadet Oruc, TV 24, Istanbul, Turkey

5 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Israel's Closure of Al-Aqsa Mosque**  
Participant: Ahmad Budairi, Palestine Today TV (Filasteen Al-Youm)

5 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Background of the Israeli Attacks on Al-Aqsa and the Consequences**  
Participant(s): Al-Jazeera TV, Behind the News Program

6 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **The Spiritual Dimension of Al-Aqsa Mosque to Muslims**



20 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Challenges Facing Al-Haram Al-Sharif**

Participant: Marie de Verges, L'Express French Newspaper



## PASSIA Academic Course

### 1. Background

The PASSIA academic course on *History, Religion, and Politics in the Palestine-Israel Conflict* was developed upon the request of the St. Olaf College, Minnesota, USA, to provide a comprehensive seminar for their Mediterranean Semester group during the period of 11 November-17 December 2014. PASSIA consulted with colleagues and experts - both locally and internationally - in order to plan and implement such a course, which was to focus on ancient-historical and religious aspects of Jerusalem but also cover the various dimensions of the (contemporary) Palestine-Israel conflict and give an inside look into the political situation on the ground. PASSIA organized a six-week lecture and excursion program accordingly (see below), put together a comprehensive reading package as well as a list of further research material, and served as point of contact and guidance throughout the course program.



## 2. Participants, St. Olaf College Minnesota, USA.

**Mimi Ansel** major in Philosophy and Economics with a concentration in Middle Eastern Studies.

**Josefine Brekke** major in Political Science.

**Kathryn Brunstein** major in Mathematics and Education.

**David Carpenter** major in History and Psychology with concentrations in Middle Eastern Studies and Neuroscience.

**Mckenzie Hartman-Mattson** major in Exercise Science with a concentration in Middle Eastern Studies.

**Dani Larson** major in Social Science.

**Anna Lund** major in History, Race and Ethnic Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, and Education.

**Marcus Newton** major in Theater with concentrations in Educational Studies, Management Studies and Middle Eastern Studies.

**Keren Timara Permel** major in Political Science with concentrations in Middle Eastern Studies, Latin American Studies and Linguistics.

**Magill Schumm** major in Biology.

**Reinah Thom** major in Sociology/ Anthropology, History with a concentration in Middle Eastern Studies.

**Amie Tunheim** major in Political Science with concentrations in Management Studies, Nordic Studies, and Middle Eastern Studies.

**Bailey Williams** major in Sociology/ Anthropology with concentration in Middle Eastern Studies.



## 3. Lecture Program

NOVEMBER 2014

Day	Date	Time	Program
Tue	11.		<b>Arrival</b> – Overnight in Tel Aviv
Wed	12.	12.00	<i>To Jerusalem</i> Welcoming and Introduction with <b>Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi</b> , Chairman of PASSIA, and <b>Deniz Altayli</b> , PASSIA Program Director
Thurs	13.	10.00	Jerusalem: the three theologies a) Judaism and its relations to the land <b>Rabbi David Rosen</b> , International Director of Interreligious Affairs for the America Jewish Committee, Jerusalem
		10.45	b) Christianity and its relations to the land <b>Rev. Rafiq Khoury</b> , Lecturer at the Latin Seminary, Beit Jala
		11.30	c) Islam and its relations to the land <b>Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway</b> , The Integral Chair for the Study of Imam Al Ghazali's Work at the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque and Professor of Islamic Philosophy, Al-Quds University.
Fri	14.	10.00	Historical Geography: land, people, natural resources, major historical outline. <b>Dr. Nazmi Jubeh</b> , Professor of History and Archaeology, Birzeit University, Birzeit






Sat	15.	10.00	Jerusalem: From Byzantine times to the Islamic period <b>Dr. Nazmi Jubeh</b> , Professor of History & Archaeology, Birzeit University	
		12.00	Visit to the Palestine Heritage Museum (Dar Al-Tifl) with <b>Dr. Khaled Khatib</b> , Museum Director	
Mon	17.		Visit to the Islamic Waqf Council, Old City With <b>Sheikh Azzam Al-Khatib</b> , General Director, Islamic Waqf, and <b>Yousef Natsheh</b> , Director of Islamic Museum and Monuments at Al-Aqsa Mosque	
Tue	18.	10.00	Israeli society <b>Dr. Menachem Klein</b> , Professor, Department of Political Science, Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan	
Wed	19.	10.00	Islamic Period: a) Omar Bin Al-Khatib and Patriarch Sophronius, the Holy Sepulcher, Al-Aqsa Mosque, Mosque of Omar. b) The Umayyad period c) The Abbasid period. <b>Dr. Yousef Natsheh</b> , Director of Islamic Museum and Monuments at Al-Aqsa Mosque	
		12.00	The Ottomans in Palestine <b>Dr. Adel Manna</b> , Senior Research Fellow, The Van Leer Institute Jerusalem	

Thur	20.	10.00	Muslim and Christian Holy Places Today <b>Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi</b> , Chairman of PASSIA, and <b>Rev. Rafiq Khoury</b> , Lecturer at the Latin Seminary, Beit Jala	
Mon	24.	10.00	Geopolitics in Jerusalem and the Implications for the Two-State Solution <b>Daniel Seideman</b> , Israeli Attorney, Expert on Geo-Political Jerusalem Followed by: Tour of the Separation Wall and Israeli settlements	
Tue	25.	9.30	Visit to Silwan/City of David Tour with <b>Yonatan Mizrahi</b> , Emek Shaveh Starting/Meeting point: Dung Gate, Old City	
Wed	26.	9.30	The Crusades and the 'Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem' (1099-1291) <b>Dr. Mahmoud Hawari</b> , Research Associate, The Khalili Research Centre for the Art and Material Culture of the Middle East, University of Oxford, UK	
		11.00	The 'Golden Age' of Islamic culture, art and architecture in Jerusalem: the Ayyubid and Mamluk periods (1187-1516). <b>Dr. Mahmoud Hawari</b> , Research Associate, The Khalili Research Centre for the Art and Material Culture of the Middle East, University of Oxford, UK	
		13.00	Selected Crusader, Ayyubid and Mamluk monuments in the Old City Tour with <b>Dr. Mahmoud Hawari</b>	



DECEMBER 2014

Thurs	27.	12.00	The Palestinian Refugee Question <b>Dr. Ilan Pappé</b> , Professor with the College of Social Sciences and International Studies, University of Exeter, UK, Director of the University's European Centre for Palestine Studies, and Co-Director of the Exeter Centre for Ethno-Political Studies	
Sat	29.	10.00	The Western Powers in Palestine: from the Greeks to the British Mandate <b>Dr. Nazmi Jubeh</b> , Professor of History and Archaeology, Birzeit University, Birzeit	
		12.00	The role of the Western Powers during the War of 1948 (Nakba) and the War of 1967 (Naksa) <b>Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi</b> , Head of PASSIA	



Day	Date	Time	Program
Mon	1.	12.00	Visit to Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound With <b>Dr. Yousef Natsheh</b> , Director of Islamic Museum and Monuments at Al-Aqsa Mosque
		12.00	The Palestinian National Movement and Zionism (1882-1948) <b>Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi</b> , Chairman of PASSIA, Jerusalem
Tues	2.	10.00	Palestinian society <b>Dr. Bernard Sabella</b> , Professor of Sociology at Bethlehem University
Mon	3.	10.00	Tour of the Remains of the Palestinian village of Lifta With <b>Yacoub Odeh</b> , former Lifta resident, activist and member of the Lifta Committee
		15.00	The current situation in Jerusalem (Israeli laws, policies, and practices – the “chronic cases”) and perspectives for the future <b>Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi</b>
Tue	4.	10.00	Third Party Involvement: helping to solve or prolonging the Israel-Palestine conflict? <b>Nathan Stock</b> , Director, Carter Center, Ramallah
		11.30	Gaza <b>Nathan Stock</b> , Director, Carter Center, Ramallah



Wed	5.	10.00	<p>The Current Situation in Palestine/Israel and Prospects for the Future</p> <p>Discussion with: <b>Akiva Elder</b>, Israeli columnist and former editorial writer for <i>Haaretz</i>, <b>Nathan Stock</b>, Director, Carter Center, Ramallah and <b>Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi</b></p>
Sat	6.	10.00  12.00	<p>Palestinians and Israel Since 1948</p> <p><b>Dr. Asad Ghanem</b>, Professor of Political Science, School of Political Science, University of Haifa</p> <p>Political movements: national and religious (I) Israeli political movements and parties</p> <p><b>Dr. Asad Ghanem</b>, Professor of Political Science, School of Political Science, University of Haifa</p>
Sun	7.	14.00	<p>Implications of regional turmoil and power battles on the Israel-Palestine conflict</p> <p><b>Dr. Husam Zomlot</b>, Fatah Foreign Relations Commission.</p>
Mon	8.	9.30-11.30	<p>Wrap Up with <b>Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi</b>, Chairman of PASSIA, and <b>Deniz Altayli</b>, PASSIA Program Director</p>



## Conferences

As a major Palestinian academic institution and think tank dealing with international affairs and the Palestine Question, PASSIA is invited to attend many conferences, seminars and workshops that take place at both local and international venues. Listed below are all the conferences that PASSIA was invited to attend and able to participate in throughout the year 2014 (see also chapters on Jerusalem and the Religious Studies Unit for more specific topics). For more details and conference programs see PASSIA's website.

3 February 2014, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem

**Topic: Means of enhancing scientific research in various fields (educational, social, economic, health, historical, religious, etc.) related to Jerusalem and of developing a corresponding, comprehensive work plan**

**Organizer:** Scientific Research Council, Al-Quds University.

26 March 2014, PRCS, Al-Bireh/Ramallah

**Topic: Strategic Plan 2014-2016 Conference - Empowering Individuals, Developing Society**

**Organizer:** Welfare Association.

**Participants:** NGO Organizations.

1 April 2014, the American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem

**Topic: Historic, Political, Geographic and Religious Dynamics Underpinning the Middle East Peace Process**

**Speaker:** Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi

**Participants:** Conon, BE Tel Aviv; Carl, BE Tel Aviv; Neerav, BE Tel Aviv; Karen, BE Tel Aviv; Caroline, BE Tel Aviv; Rob, BE Tel Aviv; Qais Assad, BCG Jerusalem; Ben Saoul, BCG Jerusalem; Muna Shamsuddin, BCG Jerusalem; HMCG Dr. Alastair McPhail, BCG Jerusalem; HMA Matthew Gould, BE Tel Aviv; Michael Davies, MENA Conflict Pool Manager; Alex Dragonetti, BCG Jerusalem; Thomas Burn, Canberra; Peter Ruskin,



Berlin; Mike O'Brien, MoD – London; Nigel Jefferson, BE Tel Aviv/MoD; Simon Mustard, DHM Amman; Angus Clarkson, Amman; Kamal Gherbawi, Gaza; Laura Hickey, Cairo; Laura Dunbar, DC; Senay Bulbul, UK, Mission to the United Nations; Charlotte Wood, Ed's replacement; Sir John Jenkins, HMA in Riyadh; Nicola Neuss, DFID Jerusalem; Laurie Hunter, Amman; Clem Naylor, FCO Research Analysts; Luke Bullock, Second Secretary Middle East and Counter-Terrorism/UK Permanent Representation to the EU, Brussels; Henrietta Haxwell, DFID Jerusalem; Matt Carter, DFID Jerusalem - Deputy Head; Andrew Connell, NED; Neil Page, Police Advisor, Ramallah; John Williams, Strategic communications advisor, Ramallah; David Robson, Brigadier, Senior British Officer, Ramallah; Sutapa Choudhury, DFID Jerusalem; Caroline Vent, DFID London.

28-30 April 2014, Royal Hotel & Islamic Cultural Center, Amman

**Topic: Road to Jerusalem**

**Organizers:** Palestine Committee in the Jordanian Parliament, the Muslim World League and the Islamic Sciences and Education University under the patronage of His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al-Hussein.

**Participants:** A group of Muftis, Awqaf Ministers, scholars and intellectuals from the Muslim Ummah, Muslim World League, World Union of Muslim Scholars, representatives of all Arab parliaments and religious and political figures of Jerusalem and Palestine.



12-13 May 2014, Ankara

**Topic: International Meeting on the Question of Jerusalem - Strengthening international support for a just and lasting solution of the question of Jerusalem**

**Organizers:** The United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in collaboration with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Turkish Government.

(The Meeting was attended by 70 Member States, the State of Palestine, the Holy



See, four international governmental organizations, 23 local and international civil society organizations, and three United Nations entities. Presentations were made by 13 experts. Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi addressed the Plenary session I on "The status of Jerusalem in international law").

24 May 2014, Husseinieh Palace, Amman

**Topic: Pilgrimage of his Holiness Pope Francis to the Holy Land**

**Organizers:** Royal Palace, Amman

(Welcoming ceremony, meeting with the authorities of the Kingdom of Jordan, discourse of the Holy Father)



11 June 2014, Nazareth

**Topic: Two-State Solution - Where to?**

**Organizer:** The Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, Nazareth.



17 September 2014, The Four Seasons Hotel, Amman

**Topic: Long Term Trends in Palestine**

**Organizer:** Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

(The workshop aimed to look beyond recent developments and examine potential longer term scenarios for the West Bank and Gaza. The impact of developments in key areas on Palestinian life, politics and livelihood was considered as was the future of the national project).

**Participant(s):** Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs (PASSIA); Adnan Abu Amer, Al-Ummah University Open Education; Samir Abdullah, Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS); Mkhaimar Abusada, Al-Azhar University; Osman Bahadır Dincer, International Strategic Research Organization (USAK); Dimitris Bouris, College of Europe; Nathan Brown, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Diana Buttu, human rights lawyer; Michele Dunne, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Ammar Al-Dwaik, Birzeit University; Jihad Harb, Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research (PSR); Yosef Jabareen, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology; Oussama Kanaan, International Monetary Fund; Numan Kanafani, Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute; Asem Khalil, Birzeit University; Ghassan Khatib, Birzeit University; Marwan Muasher, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Sufian Mushasha, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); Mouin Rabbani, Institute of Palestine Studies; Mohammed Samhuri, Cairo-based economist; Yezid Sayigh, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Nathan Thrall, International Crisis Group; Khalil Toufakji, Arab Studies Society's Mapping and Geographic Information Systems (GIS); Katherine Wilkens, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Maha Yahya, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

21 October 2014, National Council for Development (NCD), Hebron

**Topic: Jerusalem Today**

**Organizer(s):** National Council for Development (NCD)



14 December 2014, Bethlehem Hotel, Bethlehem

**Topic: Is Christianity about to Vanish in the Arab East?**

**Organizers:** Al-Liqa Center, Bethlehem



17-18 December 2014, Landmark Hotel, Amman

**Topic: International Forum on Jerusalem Waqf: Advancement Strategies for Waqf Properties in Jerusalem**

**Organizer(s):** Awqaf International Foundation, Jordan.

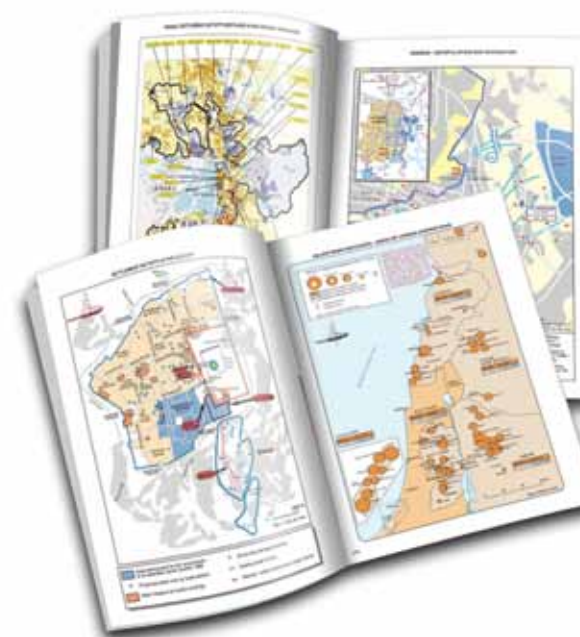
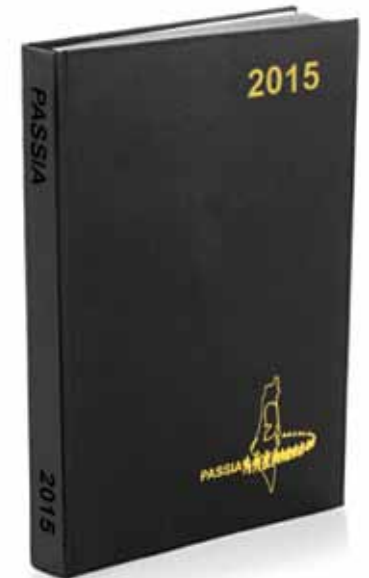


# PASSIA Desk Diary

## Introduction

In late 2014, PASSIA has published the 26th edition of its annual Desk Diary! As in previous years, the goal was to provide a comprehensive “tool” for all those who work in or on Palestine or are interested in the Palestine Question in which way ever. The 2015 Diary was updated, amended and revised according to new information that had become available throughout the year. It contains a directory of contact information for relevant organizations operating in the West Bank and Gaza (listing names, addresses, main activities), as well as a full day-to-day planner (calendar) for the year, and a comprehensive compilation of facts and figures related to Palestine and the Palestinians. The 2015 edition of the PASSIA Desk Diary contains over 500 pages.

PASSIA is very proud to say that its diary has become an invaluable source of information for many people, both locally and abroad, and as yet there is no equivalent publication in Palestine.



## CONTENTS

The Diary is divided into three sections - the Directory, the Calendar, and the Agenda – which are composed of the following:

### Directory

The Directory contains details of Palestinian and international institutions operating in the Palestinian Territories as well as selected Arab and Israeli organizations located in Israel: names of contact persons, phone and fax numbers, e-mail and mailing addresses, websites, and a few keywords describing an organization's main field of work. At the end of the directory there is an alphabetical index to facilitate searches for certain entries. In the 2015 edition, Directory entries included the following:

#### Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)

- PLO Executive Committee and PLO Departments
- Palestinian National Council
- PLO Delegations Abroad
- Representation in International Bodies

#### Palestinian Authority (PA)

- President's Office
- Ministries
- Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC)
- PA Attorney General- General Prosecution
- PA Higher Judicial Council
- Supreme Judge Department
- The Upper Council of Sharia Jurisdiction
- PA Institutions
- PA Councils & Commissions
- Police and Security
- Local Government Administration
- Governorates
- Municipalities & Village Councils



#### Political Parties and Factions

#### Academic and Research Centers

#### Agriculture

#### Associations & Unions

#### Chambers of Commerce

#### Charitable Organizations

#### Culture

- Art & Galleries
- Cultural & Folklore Centers
- Film & Cinema
- Literature
- Museums
- Music & Dance
- Theater

#### Democracy, Peace & Community Development Centers

#### Diplomatic Missions

- Consulates
- Representative Offices to the PA
- Embassies

#### Education

- Universities
- Colleges
- Training & Vocational Centers
- Schools
- Early Childhood Education
- Educational Institutes
- Libraries

#### Environment & Water

#### Financial & Development Institutions

- Banks
- Credit, Investment & Consulting Companies
- Money Changers

#### Governmental Aid Missions Health

- Human Rights & Law

#### Human Rights Centers

- Law Offices
- Lawyers

#### International & UN Organizations

#### Israeli Activist Groups

#### Media & Press

- Palestinian
- Internet Press
- Newspapers & Media Services
- Radio & TV Stations
- Arab TV
- International
- Israeli

#### NGOs

- Coordinating Groups
- Canadian NGOs
- European NGOs
- US NGOs
- Others & International NGOs

#### Palestinian Organizations in Israel

#### Religious Forums & Centers

- Islamic
- Christian Churches & Centers

#### Restaurants

#### Services

- Accountants
- Advertisement, Print & Design
- Bookshops & Stationary
- Car Rentals
- Computers, Software & Information Technology
- Courier & Express Services
- E-mail & Internet



- Insurances
- Management Consulting & Development
- Photo Studios & Video
- Planning & Engineering
- Real Estates
- Telecommunication & Office Equipment
- Translation & Editing
- Other Services

**Travel & Tourism**

- Airlines
- Hotels & Resorts (Jerusalem - West Bank - Gaza)
- Hospices & Guesthouses
- Touristic & Recreational Sites
- Travel Agencies, Tourism Companies & Tour Operators
- Taxis & Transport

**Women's Organizations**

**Youth Organizations**

**Sports Clubs & Fitness Centers**

**Trade - Import/Export**

**Calendar**

The second section includes all the standard features of a calendar, such as a day by-day planner, calendars for the previous and following years, address and note space, and anniversaries and national holidays of foreign countries. In each calendar page, the 2015 edition includes informative textboxes on important contemporary women activists, providing a brief description of them.



**The PASSIA Agenda**

The Diary's third section is the Agenda, which contains a wealth of information and facts about Palestine and the Palestinians, supported by tables, illustrative graphs, statistics and suggestions for further research (reading material and website references). The Agenda is divided into the following chapters, dealing with the following aspects of Palestinian society and the Palestine Question:

1. Dictionary of Palestinian Terms
2. Israeli Occupation
3. Geography
4. Population
5. Refugees
6. Land and Settlements

**7. Water and Environment**

**8. Economy**

- 8.1 Background & Overview
- 8.2 Agriculture
- 8.3 Industry & Private Sector
- 8.4 Labor Market & Employment
- 8.5 Tourism
- 8.6 Trade
- 8.7 Finances

**9. Education**

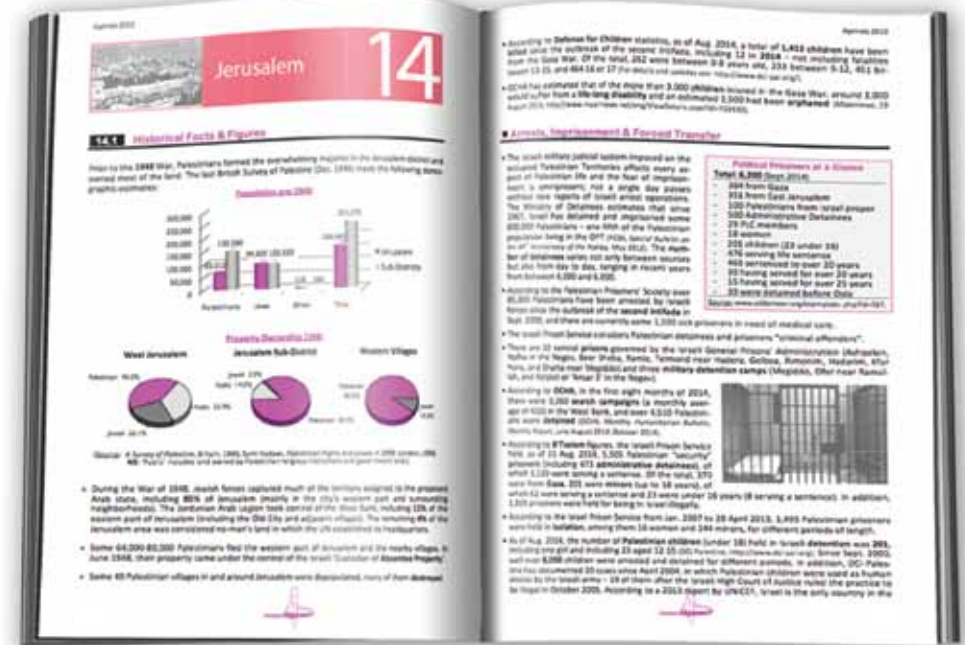
**10. Health**

**11. Infrastructure**

- 11.1 Housing & Construction
- 11.2 Electricity & Energy
- 11.3 Transportation & Roads
- 11.4 Communication

**12. Society & Living Conditions**

- 12.1 General Social Features
- 12.2 Household & Living Conditions



### 13. Government

- 13.1 Administration
- 13.2 Elections
- 13.3 Rule of Law
- 13.4 Negotiations
- 13.5 Police & Security
- 13.6 State of Palestine

### 14. Jerusalem

- 14.1 Historical Facts & Figures
- 14.2 Legal Status
- 14.3 Jerusalem in Negotiations
- 14.4 Population
- 14.5 Residency Rights
- 14.6 Housing & House Demolitions
- 14.7 Land & Settlement

- 14.8 The Old City
- 14.9 Education
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### Graphs & Figures

- Milestones in Palestinian History
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- PLO Central Council (members)
- Fateh – Central and Revolutionary Council (members)

### PASSIA publications 1987-2014

### Addresses and notes

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## POCKET DIARY

In 2014, PASSIA has also published - for the first time - a pocket-size Diary featuring:

- 1) A minimized Directory.
- 2) A full day-to-day planner including important dates and holidays.
- 3) Brief statistical information and main facts & figures on Palestine and the Palestine Question, including graphs, tables, charts, and maps.
- 4) Lots of room for notes, reminders and planning.

This edition of the Pocket Diary contains a total of 176 pages and is 13 x 9 cm in size.



# Appendices

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PASSIA employs all its staff on a contractual basis, full or part time. The 2014 PASSIA team, headed by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, handled the execution of all projects, with other researchers or part-timers commissioned for specific tasks related to these projects. This included also a number of volunteers and interns, whose contribution is/was highly appreciated by PASSIA.

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a) Meetings

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## Networking

PASSIA is a member of the following networks and associations:

### PALESTINIAN NGO NETWORK (PNGO)

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### EURO-MEDITERRANEAN STUDY COMMISSION (EUROMESCO)

EuroMeSCo was established in 1994 (PASSIA was a founding member) in order to provide Mediterranean countries with a forum for debating international policy and security issues from a regional point of view. In principle, network members deal with international relations and security, carry out policy-oriented research, enjoy a domestically and internationally recognized reputation, and are NGOs. In 1996, EuroMeSCo's scope was expanded to include institutes from non-Mediterranean countries.

EuroMeSCo strives to promote dialogue and the exchange of information between its members; to support their institution-building and research capacities, and to foster cooperation between the civil societies in the member countries. (For further details see: <http://www.euromesco.net>).

## List of Available Publications

Ever since its foundation, PASSIA has been extensively engaged in publishing and documenting. Currently, the following studies, monographs, research world and reports are available (for more information and/or to order, please visit our website at [www.passia.org](http://www.passia.org) or email us at [passia@passia.org](mailto:passia@passia.org)):

	TITLE	AUTHOR	L	DATE
1.	The Conservation of Jerusalem	Khaled A. Khatib, Jerusalem	E	June 1993
2.	The Law of the Land: Settlement & Land Issues under Israeli Military Occupation	Raja Shehadeh, Ramallah	E	July 1993
3.	Strategic Studies & Security: PASSIA Seminar 1993	PASSIA Report, Jerusalem	E	July 1993
4.	The Jerusalem Arab Municipality	Osama Halabi, Jerusalem	A	1993/2000
5.	Dutch Development Policy Towards the Middle East	Tom de Quaasteniet, MERA, Amsterdam	A	May 1994
6.	Jerusalem Women's Organizations During the British Mandate, 1920s-1930s.	Ellen Fleischmann, Georgetown University	A/E	Mar. 1995
7.	The Israeli Disengagement Plan 1995	Jawad Ja'abari, Jerusalem	A	1995/2001
8.	One Year Into Self-Government - Perceptions of the Palestinian Political Elite	Helena Lindholm Schulz Gothenburg University	E	Sept. 1995 Oct. 1997
9.	NGOs and Freedom of Association: Palestine & Egypt- A Comparative Analysis	Denis J. Sullivan Northeastern University, Boston	E	Dec. 1995
10.	Women in Contemporary Palestine - Between Old Conflicts and New Realities	Maria Holt CAABU, London	A/E	May 1996
11.	The Judaization of Jerusalem - Israeli Policies since 1967	Allison B. Hodgkins, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 1996
12.	Seminar 1996: Foreign Policies of Arab States	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	April 1997
13.	PASSIA Seminar 1997: Diplomacy & Conflict Resolution in the Middle East	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Aug. 1997
14.	Neighborhood Councils in Arab Jerusalem	Izhaq Al-Qutub, Jerusalem	A	Nov. 1997
15.	Palestine-Jordan-Israel: Building A Base for Common Scholarship and Understanding in the New Era of the Middle East	Various Palestinian, Jordanian & Israeli authors, PASSIA, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 1997
16.	The Other Side of the Coin – A Native Palestinian Tells His Story	Mufid Abdul Hadi (translated from Swedish by A. Schabbauer)	E	April 1998
17.	Municipal Policies in Jerusalem - An Account from Within	Amir Cheshin, Jerusalem (translated from Hebrew by L. Perlman)	E	Aug. 1998

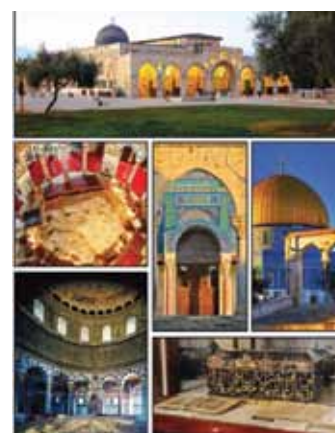
18. PASSIA Seminar 1998: The US & Canada: Political Systems, Policy-Making and the Middle East	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Oct. 1998
19. Israeli Settlement Policy in Jerusalem: Creating Facts on the Ground	Allison B. Hodgkins, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 1998
20. Dialogue on Palestinian State-Building and Identity – PASSIA Meetings 1995-1998	Ed. by Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Jan. 1999
21. Abraham in the Three Monotheistic Faiths	Prof. Avigdor Shinan, Fr. Maroum Lahham, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway	E	Dec. 1999
22. Civil Society Empowerment: Media & Communication Skills	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Apr. 1999
23. PASSIA Seminar 1999: Japan, Palestine and the Middle East	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	June 1999
24. Peace Enemies - The Past and Present Conflict between Israel and Palestine	Ludwig Watzal, Bonn (translated from German by Deniz Altayli)	E	June 1999
25. Foreign Policies Towards the Middle East and Palestine – PASSIA Meetings & Lectures 1995-98	Ed. by Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	July 1999
26. Civil Society Empowerment (translation of key texts from training programs on Policy Analysis, Strategic Planning and Media & Communication Skills)	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	A	Sept. 1999
27. Islamic Movement: A Challenge for Palestinian State-Building	Bernd Schoch	E	Nov. 1999
28. Civil Society Empowerment: Leadership Skills	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	May 2000
29. PASSIA Seminar: Israel – State, Society & Politics	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	July 2000
30. Palestinian Judiciary and the Rule of Law in the Autonomous Areas – An Introduction	Victoria Wagner, University of Vienna, Austria	E	Nov. 2000
31. Civil Society Empowerment: Research Skills	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2000
32. The Phenomenon of Collaborators in Palestine	Contributions by Andrew Rigby, Saleh Abdul Jawwad, Dan Williams & Said Zeedani	E	Mar. 2001
33. Civil Society Empowerment: Project Management	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	May 2001
34. The World Bank & the Palestinian NGO Project	Denis J. Sullivan	E	Aug. 2001
35. Civil Society Empowerment: Fundraising & PR	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2001
36. US Policy Towards Jerusalem and the Occupied Arab Territories, 1948 and 1967	Candace Karp	E	Dec. 2001

37. 100 Years of Palestinian History - A 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Chronology	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2001 2005
38. Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon - From Hosting to Discrimination	Hussein Chaaban, UK	A	Feb. 2002
39. Civil Society Empowerment: Monitoring & Evaluation	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2002
40. Joseph in the Three Monotheistic Faiths	Ibrahim Abu Salem, Rabbi Jeremy Milgrom, Rev. David Neuhaus	E	Dec. 2002
41. Elite Change in an Authoritarian Regime: Co-opting an Islamic Movement in Algeria	Noura Hamladji	E/A	Jan. 2003
42. Civil Society Empowerment: Train the Trainer	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Feb. 2003
43. Palestine in Review - This Was 2000	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Sept. 2003
44. Water in Palestine - Problems, Politics, Prospects	Various authors; edited by Fadia Daibes	E	Oct. 2003
45. Palestine in Review - This Was 2001	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2003
46. Moses in the Three Monotheistic Faiths	Rabbi David Rosen, Fr. Dr. Louis Hazboun, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway	E	Dec. 2003
47. The Geneva Accord: Plan or Pretense?	Nick Kardahji	E	May 2004
48. Civil Society Empowerment: Governance Issues in Palestine (Rule of Law, Democracy, etc.) Decentralization, State-Society Relations)	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	July 2004
49. The Conflict Over Jerusalem - Some Palestinian Responses to Concepts of Dispute Resolution	Cecilia Albin	E	Updated Oct. 2004
50. Security Sector Reform in the OPT	Roland Friedrich	E	Nov. 2004
51. Palestinian-Israeli Impasse - Exploring Alternative Solutions to the Palestine Israel Conflict	Various contributors	E	Aug. 2005
52. PASSIA Seminar 2004: Ireland & Palestine: Divided Countries United by History	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	2005
53. Islam in Contemporary Palestine	Various contributors	A	Nov. 2005
54. Introduction into Islamic Culture	Various contributors	A	Dec. 2005
55. In Search for a Palestinian Identity - A Personal Odyssey	Khalil Nakhleh	E/A	Dec. 2005
56. Palestine in Review - This Was 2002	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2005
57. Palestinian Security Sector Reform	Various contributors	E/A	Dec. 2005
58. Civic Education in Palestine - Citizenship, Human Rights, & Community Development	Various contributors	E	April 2006
59. Palestinian Personalities - A Biographic Dictionary	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	2 <sup>nd</sup> ed. July 2006

60. Palestinian Security Sector Governance - Challenges and Prospects	PASSIA & DCAF (Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces)	E	Aug. 2006
61. Palestine in Review - This Was 2003	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2006
62. Palestine in Review - This Was 2004	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2006
63. Documents on Jerusalem (4 Vol., incl. CD)	Edited by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi	E	Jan. 2007
64. Palestine in Review - This Was 2005	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	June 2007
65. Jesus in the Christian and Muslim Faiths	Fr. Rafiq Khoury, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway	E	Dec. 2007
66. Documents on Palestine (8 Vol., incl. CD)	Edited by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi	E	Dec. 2007
67. Palestine in Review - This Was 2006	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Mar. 2008
68. Bulletin on the Nakba	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	May 2008
69. Bulletin on Gaza	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	July 2008
70. Bulletin on Jerusalem	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E/A	June 2009
71. Finland and Palestine	Various contributors , PASSIA Jerusalem	E	Aug. 2009
72. To Jerusalem- In the Steps of Eight Swedes & a Finn	Mia Gröndahl	E	Dec. 2009
73. Germans in Jerusalem - 1830-1914	Bernd Isphording	E	Dec. 2009
74. Hamas - From Resistance to Government?	Paola Caridi		Feb. 2010
75. European Union Foreign Policy in the Occupied Palestinian Territory	Ruba Al-Fattal	E	Mar. 2010
76. Bulletin on the Nakba	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	A	May 2010
77. Bulletin on Jerusalem and Palestine in the Arab Discourse	Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi	A	Sept. 2010
78. Palestinian Resistance and Non-Violence	Andrew Rigby	E	Nov. 2010
79. Jerusalem of Art	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Feb. 2011
80. Bulletin on Prisoners	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Mar. 2011
81. Palestinian Personalities - A Biographic Dictionary	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	A	Dec. 2008 May 2011
82. Bulletin on Negotiations	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	June 2011
83. Virgin Mary in the Christian Heritage and the Islamic Faith	Dr. Abdul Rahman Abbad, Rafiq Khouri, Naim Ateek, Dr. Mohammed Salim Ali	A	Aug. 2011
84. The People of the Book	Various contributors, PASSIA, J'lem	A	Sept. 2011
85. Bulletin on Jerusalem	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Oct. 2011

86. Bulletin on The Second Arab Awakening and the Question of Palestine	Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi	A/E	Dec. 2011 April 2013
87. Arafat 1929-2004 - Illustrated Chronology	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Mar. 2012
88. The Vatican & Jerusalem	Elodie Farge	E	Aug. 2012
89. Jerusalem Hajj Paintings and Plates	Hafida Talhaoui	E	Sept. 2012
90. Bulletin on Negotiations (French Translation)	PASSIA Publication, translated by E. Farge	F	Nov. 2012
91. The Road to Palestinian Statehood	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2012
92. Bulletin on Area C	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2012
93. Bulletin on Fragmenting Palestine	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	May 2013
94. Brochure: A Guide to Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Ash-Sharif	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	A/E Turk	Aug. 2013
95. Bulletin on Hamas, Fatah & Reconciliation	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Nov. 2013
96. Arab East Jerusalem – A Reader	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2013
97. A Guide to Muslim & Christian Holy Places in Jerusalem	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Sep. 2011 Feb. 2014
98. Political Islam at the Crossroads?	Various authors, PASSIA, Jerusalem	E/A	July 2014
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101. Bulletin on the PLO vs. PA	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Sept. 2014
102. Bulletin on the Custodianship of the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque	Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi	A	Dec. 2014
103. Diary 2015	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2014

**Next Year Publications 2015:** Brochure: A Guide to Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Ash-Sharif



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## Selected Publications of PASSIA's Documentation and Information series:

### 100 Years of Palestinian History – A 20th Century Chronology

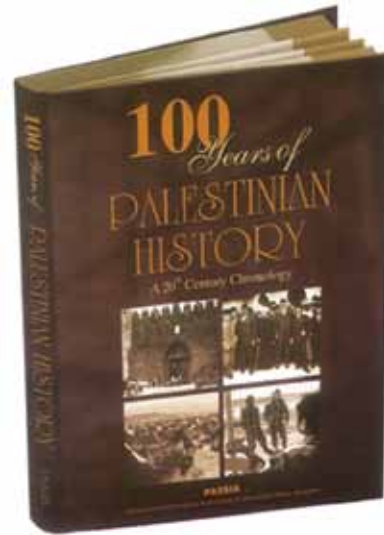
PASSIA Publication, English, 400 pages, December 2001.

This publication is the outcome of two years of research and documentation; it chronicles Palestine's and the Palestinian people's journey through the 20th century. Drawing on a vast array of memoirs, archives and documents the book relates the events that occurred each year. It focuses separately on Jerusalem, Palestine, the region and the wider international arena, so as to provide valuable context and detail.

By bringing together in this vast, illustrated volume the statements, personalities, decisions and events that have shaped history, this book affords the reader a passage through time from a Palestinian perspective.

More than 400 pages in length and enriched with over a thousand historic photographs and maps, 100 Years of Palestinian History – A 20th Century Chronology represents a unique and essential addition to the library of all those interested or involved in the Palestine Question.

The book also includes a glossary of key terms in Palestinian history.

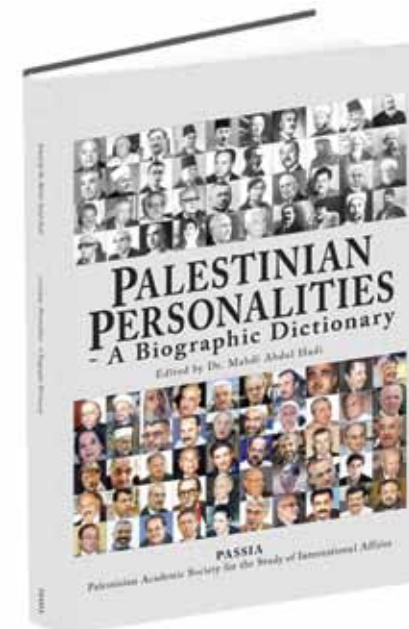
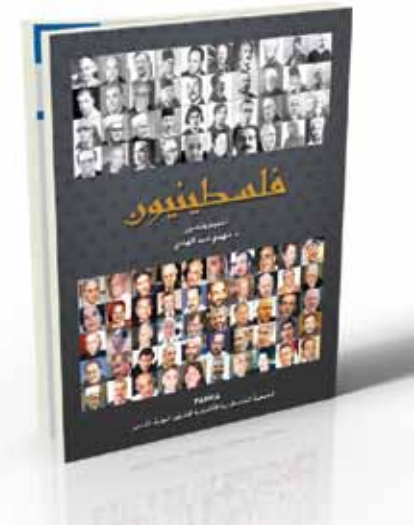


### Palestinian Personalities – A Biographic Dictionary

Edited by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, English, 252 pages, July 2006 – Arabic, 216 pages, May 2011.

Palestinian Personalities – A Biographic Dictionary is the outcome of a special project undertaken by PASSIA, which was devoted to the compilation and presentation of biographic sketches of historical and contemporary Palestinian personalities from all walks of life that have played a role in the unfolding history of Palestine from the turn of the last century to the present.

The book includes short biographies of almost 1,000 Palestinian personalities of all social strata and occupational groups – political elites, freedom fighters, thinkers, writers, educators, civil rights activists, and others – listed in alphabetical order. Each entry contains biographical information on lives and activities of persons, including basic facts, such as birth and death dates and places, as well as information on education, employment history, positions held, achievements made, works published, etc., accompanied, where available, by a photograph.



### Documents on Jerusalem

Edited by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, English, 4 Volumes, approx. 1,700 pages (including CD), January 2007.

The four volumes on Jerusalem list the full texts or extracts relating to the issue of Jerusalem of numerous statements, documents, and resolutions mirroring the different attitudes towards Jerusalem as they have evolved throughout history.

The documents are arranged by source of origin (e.g., Jewish, Christian, Muslim, European, US, Palestinian, Israeli, Arab, UN, etc.) and, within each sub-category, in chronological order.

In detail, the four volumes consist of the following:

#### Volume I:

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- Christian Statements & Positions
- Muslim Statements & Positions
- European Documents
- US Documents
- International, Bilateral & Other Documents

#### Volume II:

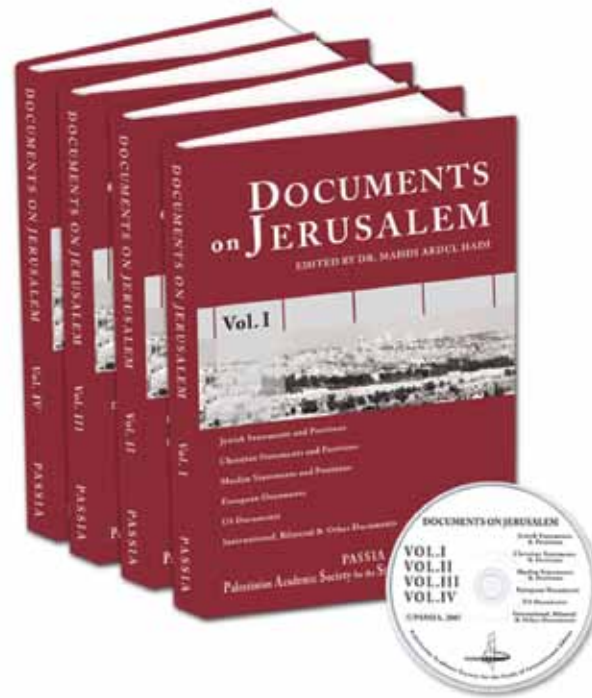
- Palestinian Documents
- Israeli Documents

#### Volume III:

- Documents from Arab/Islamic States and Organizations

#### Volume IV

- United Nations Documents



Brochure: A Guide to Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Ash-Sharif, 2013



English

Arabic

Turkish

### Documents on Palestine

Edited by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, English, 8 Volumes, approx. 3,600 pages (including CD), December 2007.

The eight volumes of Documents on Palestine list the full texts or extracts of numerous statements, documents, and resolutions relating to the Palestine Question as they have evolved throughout history, covering the period from the Pre-Ottoman/Ottoman Era until the Annapolis Conference in late 2007.

The documents are arranged in chronological order with each volume including a brief introductory chapter giving a historical overview of the respective period covered.

In detail, the eight volumes cover the following:

Vol. I: 1900-1947

Vol. II: 1948-1973

Vol. III: 1974-1987

Vol. IV: 1987-1994

Vol. V: 1995-1999

- Middle East Peace Negotiations (II): 1995-1996
- Middle East Peace Negotiations (III): Until the Sharm El-Sheikh Memorandum (1997-Sept. 1999)

Vol. VI: 1999-2002

- Middle East Peace Negotiations (IV): 1999-2001 (Post-Sharm El-Sheikh Memorandum – Taba Talks)
- Stalemate in the Middle East Peace Negotiations: Post-Taba Talks – October 2002

Vol. VII: 2002-2005

- The Road Map 2002 - Sharon's Initial Disengagement Plan 2003
- Period before Israeli Disengagement from Gaza (2004-2005)

Vol. VIII: 2005-2007

- Disengagement from Gaza – Annapolis Conference



**Dictionary fo Palestinian Political Terms**

PASSIA Publication, English, 128 pages, second updated and revised edition, December 2008.

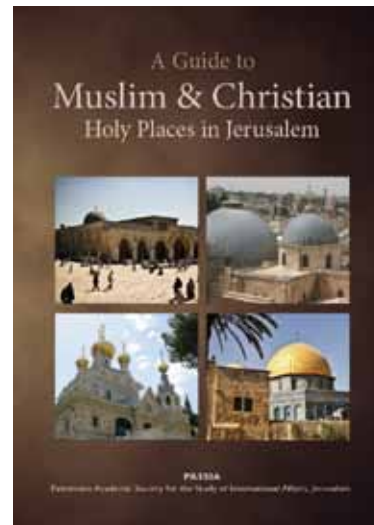
Dictionary of Palestinian Political Terms provides the reader in a simple yet comprehensive fashion with the terminology used by policy-makers, journalists, academics, commentators, and analysts, in discussing the unfolding events as well as the complexities and nuances of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. To serve this task, this volume contains almost 700 brief, to the point entries, which provide - arranged in alphabetical order - definitions and explanations of key terms on all aspects of Palestinian politics, from political factions, movements and institutions to issues related to the Middle East peace process to key concepts, terms and documents that define Palestinian political life, events, and international relations.



**A Guide to Muslim & Christian Holy Places in Jerusalem**

PASSIA Publication, English, 200 pages, October 2011 (second edition, February 2014).

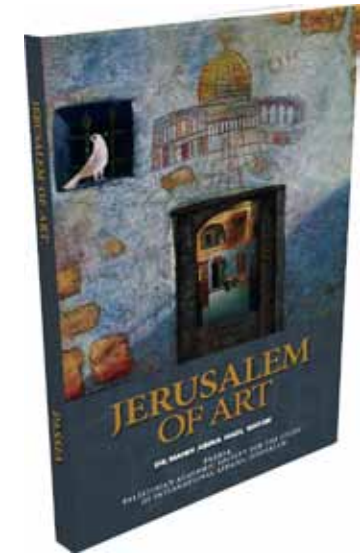
Jerusalem is one of the oldest and most important cities in the world. It is regarded as sacred by the believers of the three monotheistic faiths (Jewish, Christian and Muslim), and can stake a claim to possessing the highest concentration of religious sites compared to any other place on earth. Today, the sanctity of Jerusalem stands as a major issue in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, in an ever-increasing manipulation of religion for political goals. In the face of Israel's endless attempts to "Judaize" Jerusalem ever since its occupation of the city in June 1967 and to remove all roots of its Arab-Palestinian culture, history, and legacy, it is imperative to highlight and sustain the city's Muslim-Christian identity and presence. This book is thus intended to offer an introduction to the historical origin, aesthetic aspects, and contemporary use of most of the Holy City's Christian and Muslim sites of patrimonial and religious importance.



**Jerusalem of Art**

Edited by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, English, 208 pages, numerous photos, February 2011.

On the occasion of Al-Quds - Capital of Arab Culture 2009, PASSIA has produced this compilation of cultural aspects of the city of Jerusalem in a bid to present the rich Arab-Palestinian culture between ancient heritage and modernity and to expand knowledge of the cultural diversity of the Palestinians. This publication features not only Palestinian-Arab poems and poets, authors, painters and other artists, but also acknowledges other international literary or art pieces that have been inspired by this unique city. The aim is not to present an exhaustive survey but rather a representative overview of artwork celebrating Jerusalem's universal and thus international unique characteristics as well as cultures all over the world together with the rich Palestinian culture in Jerusalem.

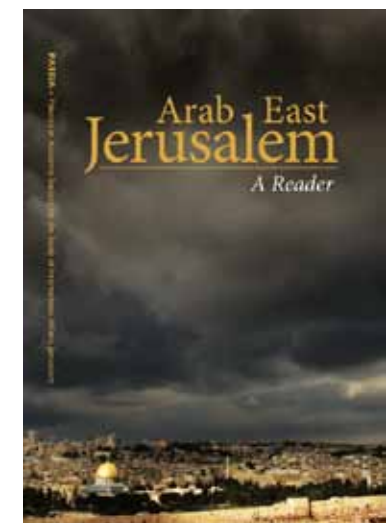


**Arab East Jerusalem: A Reader**

PASSIA Publication, English, 280 pages, December 2013.

This reader is intended to shed light on Israel's ongoing plans and policies aimed at further strengthening its grip over the city to the detriment of the Palestinian population. It provides a brief overview of the history and the religious, legal and demographic aspects of the Jerusalem question, demonstrating in detail the geopolitical means employed by Israel to ensure that the city can never be "shared" along any lines, and hindering any Palestinian plans to develop Arab East Jerusalem and declare it the capital of a future Palestinian state.

Chapters cover issues of residency rights and housing, examine the situation in the Old City, and discuss negotiations with regard to Jerusalem. Israeli municipal policies implemented in the city are detailed, as well as the current situation in the educational, health and economic sectors.

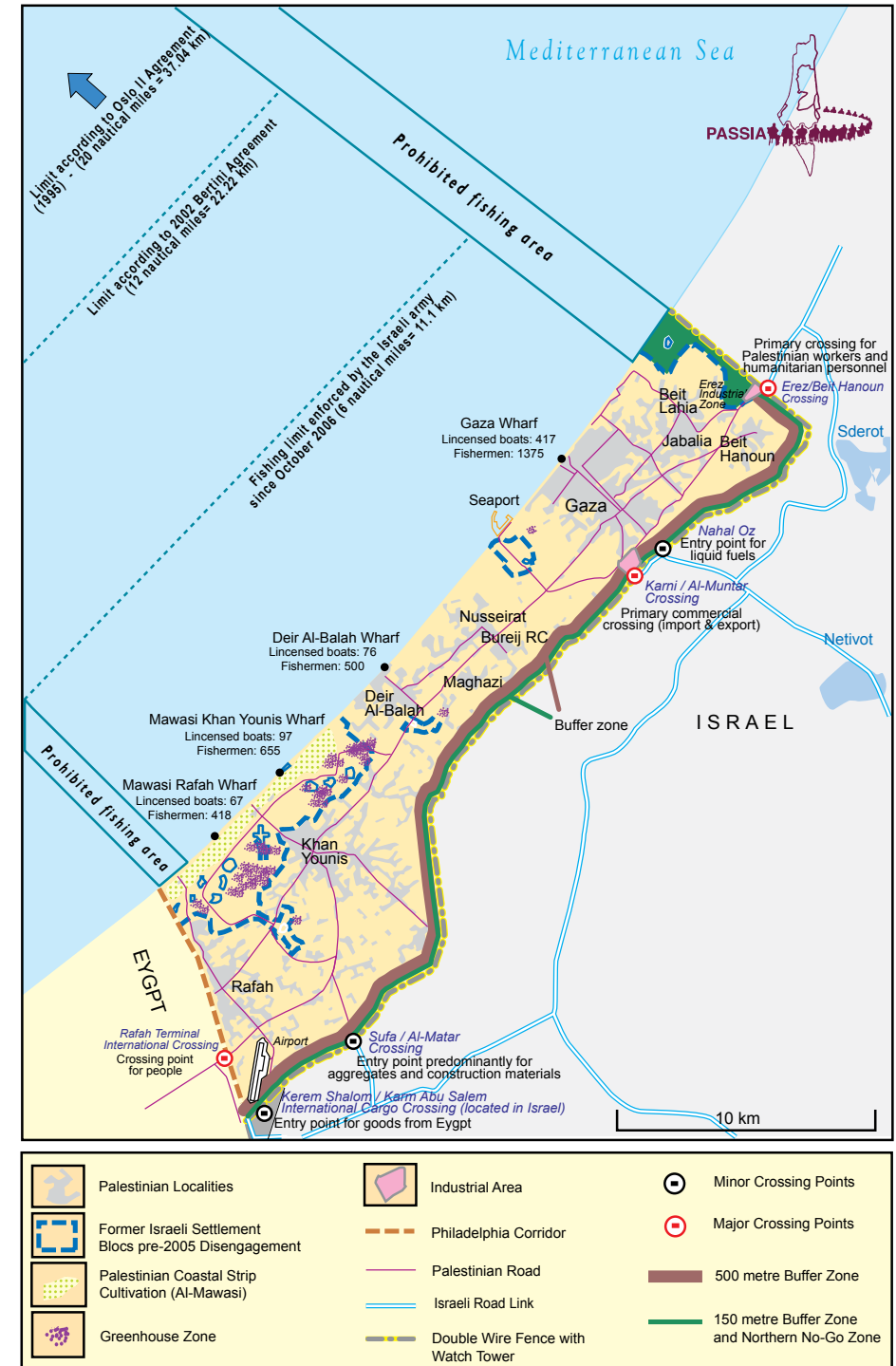




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## UN MEMBER STATES RECOGNIZE PALESTINE

## PALESTINIAN PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE, & SELF-DETERMINATION

Alghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Central African R., Chad, Chile, China, Comoros, Congo, R., Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Libya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Russia, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Trinidad & Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

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