

## PASSIA 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:** Conor, 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; HMC 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.

