

III. JERUSALEM

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.

Roundtables

12 December, 2012 Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: THE AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE ON OVER 150 YEARS IN JERUSALEM

Speaker: Consul General Michael A. Ratney; American Consulate General Jerusalem

Participant(s): Abed Abu Diab; Yasmin Abu Omar, Mechanical Engineer; Waed Ayyash, Occupational Therapist; Hiba Hussein, Lawyer; Fatima Darwish; Yasin Sbeih, Mechanical Engineer; Dahoud Darwish; Naser Hidmi; Dr. Amneh Badran, Lecturer, al-Quds University; Renad Barakat; Terry Boullata; Hatem Khweis; Youssef Habesch; Hanna Sahhar; William Lee; Mohammed Nuseibeh; Samar Khoury; Hind Khoury; (Rev) Victore E. Makari, Deyar; Vincent Traverso, U. S. Consulate; Sawsan Safadi; Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Riham Hussein; Husam Zomlot; Nathan Stock, Carter Center; Fajr Harb, Carter Center; Ghassan Khatib, Lecturer, Birzeit University; Afif Safieh; Khalil Tofakji; Dinaa Safieh, Travel Agent; Iba Farrah; Lucy Nusseibeh, Director, Institute of Modern Media; Khalid Kaloti, Engineer; Ali Jassar, Student; Hassnan Dajani, U. S Consulate; Nisreen Al-Aref, Manager of finance, FES; Jamal Al Aref, Director, ANERA; Khuloud Khayyat Dajani, General Secretary, Al-Quds University; Leslie Crdeman, US Consulate; Simon Azazian, Director, Bible Society; Dr. Arafat Hidmi, Director, Makassed Hospital; Daoud Al Ghool; Farid Al-

Kawasmi; George Fihaon; Aminah Abu Sway; Valerie Feron, Journalist; Samer Nusseibeh, Engineer; Adel Roashed; Yaeil Lambert; US Consulate



14 November, 2012, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: JERUSALEM: THROUGH AMERICA'S EYES

Speaker: HE Philip C. Wilcox, President, Foundation for Middle East Peace, Washington DC, Former American Consul General in Jerusalem (1989-1991)

Participant(s): Andrew Rigby, Professor; Thomas Dallal, Lawyer; Anjad Hithnawi, Urban Planner; Marwan Shehadi, Legal Intern; Zaki Abul Halaweh, Journalist; Christine Meyer, Director, American House, Jerusalem; Naser Hidmi; Diana Buttu, Lawyer; Jasmin Abu Khaider, Student; Sonia Najjar, Director of Planning for Jerusalem, AQU; Hanadi Qawasmi, Media Coordinator; Hatem Khwais, Media; Yasmin Abu Amear, Mechanical Engineer.

16 October 2012, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: ROUNDTABLE MEETING WITH PULITZER PRIZE WINNER KAI BIRD ON HIS MOST RECENT BOOK: CROSSING MANDELBAUM GATE: COMING OF AGE BETWEEN THE ARABS AND ISRAELIS, 1956-1978

Speaker: Kai Bird, Pulitzer Prize winning author

Participant(s):Javier Parrondo, Deputy, Spanish Consulate; Naser Ideis, US Consulate; Christian Mayer, US Consulate; Jenna Naser; Tony David; Walid Salem, Director, The Center for Democracy and Community Development; Professor Parvaneh Pourshariati, Ohio State University, USA; Fouad Jabr, Chairman, PAA; Mohammed Nuseibeh; Taher Nammari, Chairman, Magdese; Elsa Gruger; David Viveash, Field Office Director, Carter Center; Ed Nicolas, Senior Admin Offic, UN; Djony Konanger, UNDP; Wael Idreis, Accountant; Abed Abu Diab; Sawsan Safadi; Head of Public and Directorate of International Relations Education

16 July 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: WORKING DINNER, JERUSALEM CIVIL SOCIETY ISSUES

Place: Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

Participants: John Gatt-Rutter, EU Representative, Jerusalem; Michael Gahler MEP, European Parliament- Chairman of the Delegation for Relations with the Pan- African Parliament; Arnaud Danjean, European Parliament- Chairman of the Subcommittee on Security and Defense; Ioan Mircea Pascu, European Parliament- Committee of Foreign Affairs; Krzysztof Lisek, Member of the European Parliament; Maria Elena Kappa, Member of the European Parliament; Ms. Hiba Hussein, Lawyer; Mazen Sonqrot, Businessman; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA.

6th June 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **ON JERUSALEM**

Speaker(s): Mr. Andreas Reinicke, EU Special Representative; Mr. Gerhard Schlaudraff; Mr. William Hopkinson

Participant(s): Sawsan Safadi, Director, Public & International Relation, PA Ministry of Education, Jerusalem; Khalil Assali, Journalist; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Khaled Kaloti, Engineering; Omar Al-Alami, Jerusalem Cigarette Company; Khalid Khatib, Director, Palestine Heritage Museum (Dar At-Tifl), Jerusalem; Dr. Sulaiman Rabad, Frères College for Boys & Girls (De la Salle), Jerusalem; Hanadi Qawasmi, Youth Group Member.

30 May 2012, Palestinian Heritage Museum, Dar Al-Tifl Al-Arabi Foundation, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE CRISIS OF LEADERSHIP IN JERUSALEM (IN MEMORY OF JERUSALEM'S LEADER FAISAL HUSSEINI - 1940-2001)**

Speakers: Sheikh Mohammad Hussein, Grand Mufti of Palestine; Patriarch Michel Sabah, Latin Patriarchy; Abdullah Abdullah, PLC member; Hatem Abdul Qader, Fateh Faction, Jerusalem; Hanadi Qawasmi, Youth Group Member; Abdul Qader Hussein, Faisal Hussein Foundation.

Moderator: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi

Participants: Jad Qadamani; Adel Abu al-Haj; Sami Sarhan; Fadi Maragha; Shadi Asfour, Merchant; Fadi Mtur; Ahmad Jalajel; Mahmoud Jaddeh; Nasser Jeran; Omar Dana; Ahmad Zuaier; Alaa' Khroub; Abed Dawoud Abu Diab; Mohammad Abu Qutaish; Rami Mosha; Mais al-Reem Zuhaika; Mahmoud Baidon; Mohammad Abd Raboh; Aref Hussein; Zaid al- Qeq; Varsen Angelican; Omar Halayqa; Riyad Amin; Leila Faidi; Fadwa Hussein; Saed Hussein; Suleiman Abbasi; Nabil Kasu; Mahfouz Abu Turk; Kamel Hussein; Samir Khatib; Manal Alami; Amal Amari; Ghanem Yaacoub; Riyad Hussein; Jamal Gousheh; Ibrahim Joulani; Zahi Houril; Ayda Issawi; Sawsan Safadi; Mahmoud Barakat; Heba Taha; Alya Nasser Addein; Zaina Barakat; Riman Baranai; Gershan Baskin; Lulna Tahboub; Rami Tahboub; Hania Hazineh; Ishaq Qwasmi; Fouad Abdeen; Walid Nammour; Aref Nassr Addein; Abdullah Siam; Simon Abu Walid; Abeer Zayyad; Riad Jabr; Baha Jabe; Randa Kamal; Hawra' Annajar; Salah Abu Qutaish; Osama Taher Hussein; Wasef Allaou; Ziad Abu Zayad; Khaled Amouri; Husam Zomlot; Mazen Sonoqrot; Azam Shalmoun; Samir Jabril; Ryad Hamdan Isawi; Nasser Jubran; Nasser Hedmi; Khaled

Hidmi; Majdi Zughair; Hani Issawi; Omar Alami; Tahseen Mughrabi; Maen Adileh; and others.



10 May 2012, PASSIA, Ramallah

Topic: THE QUESTION OF JERUSALEM: BETWEEN POLITICS & RELIGION

Speaker(s): Sheikh Raed Salah, Leader of Islamic Movement Northern Branch, Israel; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA.

Participant(s): Ali Abu Rass, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Sheikh Mohammed Hussein, Mufti of Jerusalem & Palestine; Ahmad Rwaidy, Advocate; Mazen Sinokrot, Businessman; Naser Addin Al-Shaer, Lecturer, An-Najah National University; Ali Sartawi, Lecturer, An-Najah National University; Fajer Harb, Carter Center; Hatem Abdul Qader; Ahmad Attoun, PLC member; Ghassan Al-Khatib, Jerusalem Media & Communication Center (JMCC); Husam Zumlut, Fateh Foreign Relations; Dr. Samir Abu Aisheh, Lecturer, An-Najah National University; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Mohammed Zeidan, Head, Higher Monitoring Committee for Arab Citizens, Israel; Ali Abu Sheikha, Islamic Movement, Raed Salah, Head, Islamic Movement, Fadi Qawasmi, Lawyer; Sawsan Safadi, Director, Public Relation, PA Ministry of Education; Khalil Assali, Journalist; Jumana Abu Zayyad, Policy Officer, Netherlands Representative Office, Ramallah

19 April 2012, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: THE DEPARTURE OF ETHAN BRONNER, BUREAU CHIEF OF THE NEW YORK TIMES IN JERUSALEM, & WELCOMING HIS SUCCESSOR JODI RUDOREN AND CORRESPONDENT ISABEL KERSHNER

Participant(s): Hanadi Qawasmi, Communication Coordinator; Jamal al-Aref, Deputy Country Director, ANERA; Khaled Kaloti, Engineering; Gamal Atta, Consular, Egypt Representative Office, Ramallah; Terry Boullata, Senior Advisor, Swiss

Development Cooperation, Jerusalem; Elvan Hacıefendi, Vice Consul, Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Daanish Faruqi, Khalil Assali, Journalist; Sawsan Safadi, Public Relation Manager; Joseph Dann, Journalist; Noothan Stock, Aid worker; Prof. Mlungisi W. Makalima, South African Representative, Ramallah; David Viveash, Carter Center, Ramallah; Anjad Hithnawi, Urban Planner; Zakaria Al-Qaq, Al-Quds University; Mohammed Rushdi; Sabreen Taha, Journalist; Hurrieh Al-Awaj; Nour Mani, Biomedical Engineer; Hassan Faraj, Kholoud Abu Tir; Yasin Sbeih; Kursad Mahmat, Chief Representative, Turkish Cooperation & Coordination Agency, Tika; Mark Alfano, Producer; dannish Faruq, Researcher; Frank Finver, US Consulate, Jerusalem, Christine Mayer, Director, American House; Arlissa Reynolds, US Consulate, Jerusalem

27 March 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE CURRENT STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS AND PEACE GAPS - JERUSALEM AS A FINAL STATUS ISSUE

Speaker: Nida Shourgry, Researcher, PASSIA; Raja Shamas, Policy Advisor, Negotiations Affairs Department; Ashraf Khatib, Communication Advisor, Negotiations Affairs Department

Participant(s): Student from Lund University in Peace and Conflict Research on the project "Exploring Peace Gaps in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict"; Henry Waldman; Joakim Herrlund; Fabio Cristiano; Michael Malinies; Charlotte Taylor; Kerstin Danner; Rio Nishiyama; Camersn Green; Anna Fagot; Samy Beltaief.

22 March 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: ISRAELI JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY: POLICIES & PRACTICES TOWARDS PALESTINIANS

Speaker: Dr. Meir Margalit, Founder of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD) & Member of the Jerusalem Municipality (Meretz Party)

Moderator: Dr. Nida Shourgry, Researcher, PASSIA

Participant(s): Kareema Daoud Akguc, State Department, Washington DC; Alexander Rusche, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); Danae Panissie, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); Monther Shwieki, Architect, The Grand Bazaar; Fouad Dakkak, AlQuds Holding, Jerusalem; Nidal Ghaith, AlQuds Holding, Jerusalem; Khaled Kaloti, Engineer; Zakaria Al-Qaq, Vice President, Al-Quds University; Anjad Hithnawi, Urban Planner, UN Habitat; Hanadi Qawasmi, Communications Coordinator, Qattan Foundation; Shifa Jayousi, Programm Officer, UNDP; Maen Adileh, Teacher; Frank Finver, US Consulate, Jerusalem; Vidar Glette, UN Habitat; Terry Boullata, Senior Advisor, SDC; Elodie Farge, Volunteer Researcher, PASSIA.



26 January 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: JERUSALEM PRIORITIES 2012

Speaker: Maxwell J. Gaylard, United Nations Deputy Special Coordinator and United Nations Resident Humanitarian Coordinator, Jerusalem

Participant(s): Khaled Kaloti, Engineer; Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Fadi Kawasmi, Lawyer; Sawsan Safadi, Public Relation Manager, Directorate of Education Waqf; Aref Hussein, Engineer, Al-Nayzak Extracurricular Education & Scientific Innovation; Mazen Jabari, Director, Youth Development Department; Bashar Azzeh, Al-Quds Holding; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Zakaria Al Qaq, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Mounier Kleibo, Head of International Labor Organization; Areej Daibas, Manager, Sector Development -NDC; Dr. Tawfiq Nasser, C.E.O., Augusta Victoria Hospital; Zahi Khouri, Chairman, Pal. Tourism Company; Dr. Arafat Hidmi, Chairman, Makassed Charitable Islamic Society; Shifa' Jayousi, Program Officer, UNSCO; Rema Jamous, UNSCO; Astrid Marschatz, UNSCO; Michal Novwirth; UNSCO

Briefings

1 October 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: LAND ISSUES IN JERUSALEM

Participant(s): Sheikh Azzam Khatib; Mostafa El Gamil, Consul General, Arab Republic of Egypt; Sheikh Jamil Hamami.

17 September 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE QUESTION OF JERUSALEM AND INTERNAL JERUSALEM POLITICS

Participant(s): William Hopkinson, Political Adviser to the EU Representative for the Middle East Peace Process, European External Action Service

21 May 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: JERUSALEM - RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL HISTORY

Participant(s): Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, USA Donna Robinson Divine, Professor; Kamilah Weeks, Student; Marie Jones, Student; Hannah Rovsselor, Student; Eliana Pollack, Student; Nick Peterson, Student; Sarah Needee, Student; Rebekah Renfro, Student; Karina Peterson, Student; Justin Cammy, Faculty member.

21 May 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: JERUSALEM- RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL ASPECTS

Participant(s): Andries Coetzee, Pastor; Beth Coetzee, Student Ministry Coordinator; Jhon Roper, Chemist; Maria Janacz, Student; Carolyn Hockey, Student; Teresa Butel, Student; Rebecca Roper, Student; Nahida Gordon; Donald Gordon.



15 May 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: JERUSALEM

Participant(s): Dr Abdul Hameed – Co. General Secretary - Sri Lankan Committee for Solidarity with Palestine; Mr. Mahinda Hattaka - Ex Co - Member of Sri Lanka Committee for Solidarity with Palestine and author of the book Al-Nakbah - Palestinian Struggle; Sri Lankan Representative to Ramallah.

28 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **JERUSALEM; CULTURE AND IDENTITY**

Participant(s): Frank J. Finver, Counselor for Press and Public Affairs, American Consulate; Christine E. Meyer, Director, America House, American Consulate.

Date: 9 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **HOLY PLACES IN JERUSALEM**

Participant(s): Sheikh Azam Khatib Al-Tamimi, Director of Jerusalem Waqf Endowment.