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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 the Israeli Municipality, and future scenarios for the status of the city.

Meetings on Jerusalem

(See also the *Religious Studies Unit* chapter for meetings focusing on religious aspects)

19 May 2004, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Jerusalem

Participant(s): Visiting Delegation of Canadian Diplomats: John Bell, Former Canadian and United Nations Diplomat; Michael Bell, Former Senior Canadian Diplomat; Michael Molly, Former Senior official at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and Citizenship, Canada; Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Fadi Kiblawi, PASSIA.



21 May 2004, The Norwegian Representative's Residence, Jerusalem
(Working Dinner)

Jerusalem

Participant(s): Kaare Willoch, Former Norwegian Prime Minister; Nils Ragnar Kamsvåg, Head, Norwegian Representative Office; Ghassan Al-Khatib PA Minister of Labor; Göran Berg, Consul General, Swedish Consulate; John Jenkins, Consul General, British Consulate; Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA.

24 August 2004, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Jerusalem Issues

Participant: Nader Al-A'asser, Egyptian Council, Egyptian Embassy, Tel Aviv.

24 August 2004, PASSIA, Jerusalem

On Jerusalem Issues: Open Discussion

Speaker: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman, PASSIA

Participants: Dr. Rafiq Hussein, Welfare Association; Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Al-Quds University; Dr. Nazmi Al-J'ubeh, RIWAQ, Center For Architectural Conservation, Ramallah; Adnan Al-Husseini, Director, Islamic Waqf; Terry Bullata, New Generation School

8 September 2004. PASSIA, Jerusalem

Refugees in Jerusalem: Case Study: *Shu'fat*

Speakers: Rana Abu Ghazaleh, Programme Manager, International Peace & Cooperation Center (IPCC), Jerusalem. Khader Al-Dibs, General Secretary of the Popular Committee in Shu'fat Camp

Discussants: Dr. Rami Nasrallah, Director General, International Peace & Cooperation Centre (IPCC), Jerusalem; Dr. Sari Hanafi, Director, Shaml – Palestinian Diaspora and Refugee Center, Ramallah.

Participants: Hanlie Booysen, Diplomat, South African Representative, Ramallah; Daniel Seideman, Attorney; Walid Salem, Director, Panorama Jerusalem; Judeh Majaj, General Secretary, YMCA, Jerusalem; Mohammed Abu Ghazaleh, Jerusalem Electric Company; Hasan Al - Qiq, Engineer; Dr. Arafat Hidmi, Physician, Chairman, Makassed Society; Fadia Daibes, Water Consultant; Jumana Jaouni, Political and Press Officer, British Consulate, Jerusalem; Adel Muheissen, Public Committee, Shu'fat Camp; Emmanuelle de Foy, Belgian Consulate; Ross Allen, British Consulate; Peter Schafer, FES; Rami Goldstein, Attorney, Law; Renata Capello, Coordinator

Speakers



Rana Abu Ghazaleh



Khader Al-Dibs

Discussants



Rami Nasrallah



Sari Hanafi



10 November 2004. PASSIA, Jerusalem

Briefing: Jerusalem and the Holy Places

Participant: Alberto Ucelay, Spanish Consul, Jerusalem

30 November 2004, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Briefing: The Future Palestinian Elections in Jerusalem

Participant: Nader Al-A'asser, Egyptian Council, Egyptian Embassy, Tel Aviv

1 December 2004, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Briefing: The Future Palestinian Elections in Jerusalem

Participant: Rene Aquarone, Director, UNRWA Executive Office, HQ, Gaza

15 December 2004, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Palestinian Elections and the Question of Jerusalem (Open Discussion)

Participants: Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al Quds University; Hasan Al Qiq, Engineer; Mohammed Nusseibeh, Engineer; Samer Nusseibeh, Engineer; Khalil Assali, VOA; Mohammed Abu Ghazaleh, Service Director, Electric Company, Jerusalem; Ishaq Budeiri, Director, Arab Studies Society, Jerusalem; Rami Alami, Lawyer; Mahira Dajani, Director, Dar Al-Tifl Al-Arabi Society, Jerusalem; Nora Karmi, Sabeel; Walid Salem, Panorama Center; Albert Aghazerian, Al-Madi Translation and Interpreting; Salah Zuheika, Fateh; Dima Hamdan, PARK; Jumana Jaouni, Political Officer, British Consulate; Elise Aghazerian, Hayat Alami, PASSIA.



Forum

15 April 2004, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem
The Question of Jerusalem in the Geneva Accord

Speakers: Nazmi Ju'beh & Menachem Klein, Geneva Accord Negotiators.

Participants: Kathrina Friederich, Student; Saman Khoury, Media Advisor; Emmanuelle de Froy, Belgium Consulate; Mohammed Jadallah, Physician; Rami Nasrallah, Head, International Peace and Cooperation Center; Samir Abdullah, Mas; Costa Dabit, Accountant;



Nazmi Ju'beh



Menachem Klein



Alban Biaussat, European Commission; Fatima Abdo, Student; Rateb Rabi, Student; Azzam Abu Soud, Director, Jerusalem Chamber of Commerce; Shami Munzer, Engineer; Bandaly Il-Issa, Researcher; Sari Hanafi, Director, Shaml; Abed Abu Diab, Member of Labor Union; Judeh Majaj, General Secretary, YMCA; Khalil Toufakji, Map and Survey Department, Arab Studies Society; Karim Zamamiri, Social Works; Holger Tillmann, German Representative Office; Basma Khatib,

German Representative Office; Andrew Whittaker, British Consulate General; Nisreen El-Aref, Administrator, Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung (FES); Ibrahim Daibes, Journalist; Emad Awad; José Maria Ferré de la Pena, Consul General, Spain Consulate; Marietta Hadzipetrou, Mediciens du Monde, Greece; Elisabeth Peterson, Project Coordinator, FES; Amer Hidmi, Project Coordinator, IPCC; Jamal El-Aref, ANERA; Peter Schäfer, FES; Michèle





Auga, FES; Albert Aghazarian, Lecturer and Consultant, Jerusalem; Pierre Bessuges, UN OCHA; Layal Abdeen, Student, Rainer Schmidt, Journalist; Niall Holohan, Irish Representative; Sophie Shiber, Terry Bullata, New Generation School; René

Troccaz, Deputy Consul General, France, Jerusalem; Sophie Roupert Baille, Delegate, ICRC; Tariq Kayal, ARD German TV Crew; Rima Saba, Consultant in Planning; Richard Colvin, Canadian Representative Office; Nils Ragnar Kamsvaag, Head, Norwegian Representative Office; PASSIA Team



Research

From its establishment in 1987, PASSIA's activities focused much attention on the many aspects of the Jerusalem Question and related research, publication and dissemination of information.

Research work in 2004 included the following:

- Monitoring ongoing Israeli activities in the city, especially the construction of the separation barrier.
- Putting together a comprehensive chronology of events that happened in or affected in one way or another the city of Jerusalem.

■ An updated edition of the publication ***The Conflict over Jerusalem - Some Palestinian Responses to Concepts of Dispute Resolution***

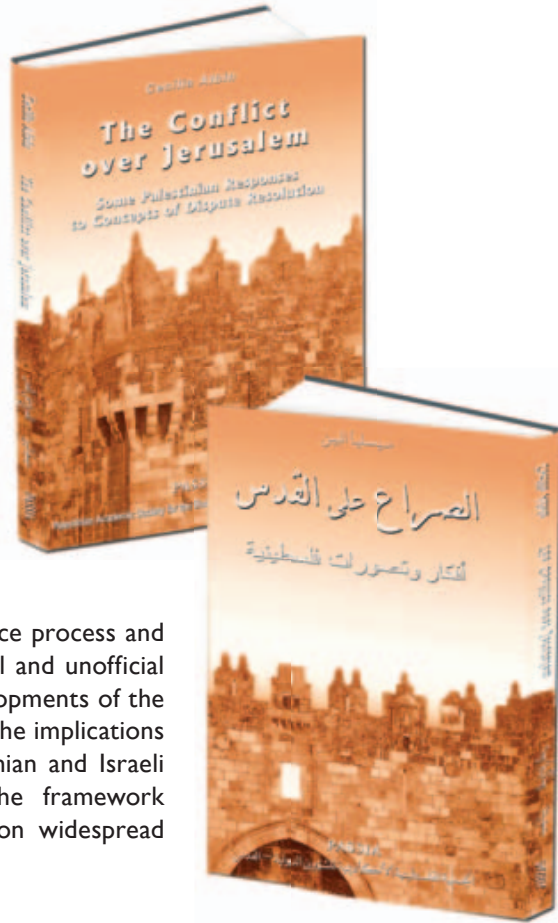
by **Cecilia Albin**

October 2004 (fourth, revised and updated edition)

(English & Arabic, 100 pages)

ISBN: 9950-305-09-7

This paper has been written against the backdrop that Jerusalem's historical, religious and political significance to two peoples and three faiths, and its ethnic diversity, have shaped it as a city fraught with a unique mixture of conflicts, whether domestically, regionally or internationally. The paper looks at the developments in the city in the late 1980s / early 1990s – i.e., prior to the Oslo peace process and actual negotiations - and examines the various approaches and proposals to solve the Jerusalem issue as well as their “real-world” applicability. The focus is thereby on mainstream Palestinian and Israeli views and proposed solutions. The present fourth edition, recognizing the fact that since then, the Jerusalem Question has become a core agenda issue in the peace process and the subject of intense official and unofficial negotiations, discusses developments of the past ten years and explores the implications of the fact that dual Palestinian and Israeli capitals in Jerusalem as the framework for a solution has today won widespread international agreement.



■ A special bulletin on **Jerusalem – Between Historical Legacy and Political Geography**

by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi
December 2004 (Arabic, 16 pages)

This Special Bulletin on *Jerusalem: Between Historical Legacy and Political Geography* presents a general overview of the history of Jerusalem starting from the 7th Century and moving on to the transformation of the city following the Israeli Occupation in 1967 and the subsequent events. The text looks at aspects like the UN Partition Plan, Israel's settlement policies, and documents, letters and treaties related to city's fate. The Bulletin is illustrated with 18 maps, a graph, a table and around 60 pictures, including photos of Jerusalem's mayors from the early 20th Century until 1967. A list of further research sources is listed at the end.

