

RESEARCH STUDIES 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 2013 Research Program, PASSIA published a comprehensive book on Jerusalem as well as three informational bulletins and a brochure.

The Second Arab Awakening: Historical Background

PASSIA Publication, English, 36 pages, April 2013

At the beginning of 2011, the Arab World witnessed a ‘Second Arab Awakening’ which came as a modern social and political earthquake. The wind of the “Jasmine Revolution” in Tunisia went viral, quickly propagated to Egypt, then spread to Libya and Yemen, transformed into a hurricane in Syria, and developed into a reform movement in Jordan. This ‘awakening’ was widely recognized among Western and Arab scholars, historians, analysts and experts.

This special bulletin aims to explore and explain the Second Arab Awakening, its historical background (reaching back to the early last century), its development, and its implications. To do so, the following questions are answered: The Awakening of Whom? The Awakening of What? The Awakening ... Why?



Fragmenting Palestine: Formulas for Partition since the British Mandate

PASSIA Publication, English, 20 pages, May 2013



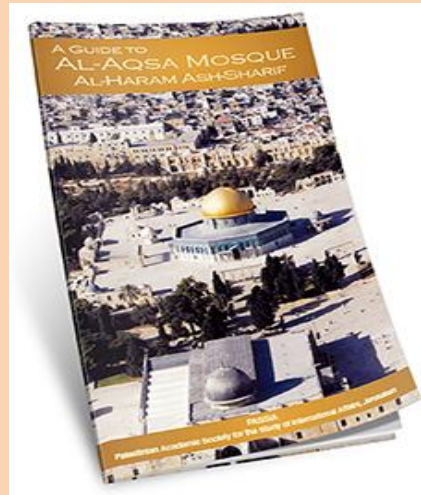
Over the last 100 years, the Palestinian people have resisted and endured numerous challenges and attempts to fragment their homeland, which have become endemic of their history of oppression. Partition has evolved from misguided attempts to manage the conflict towards systematic attempts to contain and delegitimize the Palestinian historical, national and human rights to their homeland.

This bulletin explores the history of partition in Palestine, from the 1937 Peel Commission recommendations through to the current status of Palestine as negotiated at Oslo in 1993 and during subsequent renegotiations. It will illustrate the history of the partition of Palestine as a result of colonization, ethnic cleansing and military aggression by Israel and its political maneuverings, and the effects of this on the Palestinian people.

Guide to Al-Aqsa Mosque

PASSIA Publication, English, Arabic and Turkish, 80 pages, August 2013

Using a wealth of library sources as well as undertaking field research, PASSIA's team has made all efforts to provide an informative guide to Al-Aqsa Mosque, which has been under Hashemite custodianship since 1924, and the monuments it encompasses. This brochure will guide through all those landmarks, including mosques, minarets, domes, arched gates, schools, corridors, gates, pulpits, platforms, water sources, the Islamic Museum, and Al-Buraq Wall, hoping to encounter the continuous attempts to falsify historical and religious facts about them.



Fatah & Hamas and the Issue of Reconciliation

PASSIA Publication, English, 12 pages, December 2013



In January 2006, the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, won a majority of seats in the Palestinian Legislative Council elections, and in June 2007 it seized control over the Gaza Strip from the rival Palestinian National Liberation Movement, Fatah. Since then the Palestinian people have been in a state of *inqisaam* (Arabic for division), despite numerous rounds of talks and initiatives aiming for reconciliation and unity.

This bulletin provides an overview of the history, structure and goals of Fatah and Hamas respectively, and traces the two groups' relations from the emergence of Hamas in late 1987 until the present day. In doing so, the nature, extent, and significance of their evolving rivalry - as well as its implications - are explored. There are various "narratives" about these two factions and their respective histories.

However, the aim of this bulletin is not to present and discuss all of them but to give a clear overview of the background of both factions and inform readers about the challenges and internal struggles each one faces, their reconciliation efforts, the key issues that separate them, and the prospects for Palestinian unity. With this bulletin PASSIA thus hopes to help the reader gain a better understanding on Fatah and Hamas, the current state of Palestinian politics, the issues at stake, and the positions and ways taken or yet to be chosen by both factions to overcome the critical juncture they are currently in as well as its negative repercussions on the Palestinian cause.

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.

