

# 3 Dialogue Program

## Introduction

Through its Meetings or “Dialogue Program”, PASSIA strives both 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 ever since its foundation, PASSIA has earned a reputation for providing a forum for dialogue and 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. 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 divided into the following three sections:

- ❑ **Roundtable Meetings:** PASSIA invites a speaker (and sometimes a discussant as well) to lecture on a certain topic, followed by a discussion with the audience present. Particularly topical issues are sometimes the subject of a series of lectures by as varied a range of speakers as possible. These meetings aim to promote thought and debate among Palestinians and between Palestinians and their foreign counterparts.
- ❑ **Briefings:** PASSIA frequently provides a venue for encounters, dialogue and discussions involving representatives and organizations from various backgrounds. These meetings focus on current Palestinian affairs and are designed to build bridges of communication and understanding between Palestinians from differing streams of society and to develop constructive and focused academic contact between Palestinians and Israelis. PASSIA has also hosted numerous meetings in which resident diplomats and visiting foreign missions are invited to discuss Palestinian affairs and exchange thoughts and opinions concerning the situation in the Palestinian Territories. 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.
- ❑ **PASSIA Forum:** Owing to limitations of space at its premises, PASSIA organizes from time to time ‘public lectures’ involving particularly significant speakers and/or topics. These meetings are attended by the guest speaker(s), possibly one or two discussants, who will comment on the presentation, and an invited audience of up to 100 people. Forums are held at the Ambassador Hotel in Jerusalem, which offers the space and facilities needed to accommodate the anticipated number of participants.

Speakers discussants and participants at these meetings include local and foreign figures from a rich diversity of backgrounds and schools of thought: Scholars, professionals and intellectuals from Palestine, Israel and abroad; members of Palestinian NGOs, political factions and the media, as well as representatives of the diplomatic corps.

Meetings held throughout 2005 at PASSIA (unless otherwise indicated) are listed below. Details are presented in the following order: date; topic; speaker/visitor; participants. (For additional PASSIA Meetings see the chapters on *Jerusalem, Palestinian Political Landscape, Palestinian-Israeli Impasse - Exploring Solutions to the Palestine-Israel Conflict* and the *Religious Studies Unit*).

All meetings were attended by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA. The summary or full text of some of the meetings can be found at PASSIA's website (<http://www.passia.org>).

## Roundtable Meetings

5 May 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Foreign Aid & Development Planning in Palestine - The Role of Palestinian Professionals (1<sup>st</sup> Session)**

**Participant(s):** Fadia Daibes, Water Policy Consultant; Hani Ghosheh, Engineer; Jamal El-Aref, Deputy Middle East Representative, Anera; Nassim Nour, Deputy Head of Mission, DFID; Mitzi Weddell, SOAS, University of London; Ercan Ozer, Ambassador, Turkish Consulate; Mahira Dajani, President Board of Trustees, Dar AL-Tifl Al Arabi; Leonard Moll, Austrian Representative Office; Sam Bahour, ICT Consultant; Karene Sanchez, Assistant Leader University; Sisa Nicwana, South African Representative; Naomi Nobel; Inas Abu Shilbayeh, Consultant; Sawsan Batato, Consultant, National Health; Zahra Khalidi, Welfare Association; Azzam Abu Sa'ud, Director, Jerusalem Chamber of Commerce; Muhannad Jaouni, Economic Specialist, US Consulate; Terry Bullata; Maureen Marroun, US Consulate; Pamela Mills, US Consulate. ▼



18 May 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Foreign Aid & Development Planning in Palestine - The Role of Palestinian Professionals (2<sup>nd</sup> Session)**

**Participant(s):** Inas Abu Shilbayeh, Engineer; Angele Khasho, Local Programme Officer; Samer Nusseibeh, Engineer; Jamal Al-Aref; Deputy M.E Representative; Terry Bullata, Lobbying & Advocacy Coordinator, PARL; Ibrahim Dajani, Operation Officer, Transport Engineer, World Bank; Sawsan Aranki, National Health Consultant; Lana Abu Hijleh, Country Director, CHF; Gabi Batato, Information Technology Manager, British Council; Fadia Daibes; Consultant; Elise Aghazarian, PASSIA.

25 May 2005, Best Eastern Hotel, Ramallah

**Topic: Lebanon-Palestine-Egypt - Regional Struggles for Freedom, Dignity and Independence**

**Speaker:** Rami G. Khouri, Palestinian journalist and syndicated columnist ►



Rami G. Khouri

## Briefings

1 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: PA Presidential Elections**

**Participant(s):** Norwegian Observers "Christmas Delegation 2004-2005":

Vidar Birkeland; Truls Wickholm; Max Lo-Johan Melinder; Sigrid Kleiva Gramstad; Ida Viksven Larsen; Oda Wala Watnebryn; Robin Havre; Millad Khalifah; Sylvia Johnsen; Tostrup Setek

3 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: PA Presidential Elections**

**Participant(s):** Karen Henriksen, Denmark; Anne Lund, Secretary Translator; Lise Loff, Office-Work; Patrick Connors, International Solidarity Movement; Asa Winstanley, ISM; Amel Ahmed, ISM, Gitte Rasmussen, ISM.

4 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Women and Religious Issues**

**Participant(s):** Sarah Bernstein, Program Director, Inter-religious Coordinating Council in Israel.

5 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: PA Presidential Elections**

**Participant(s):** Imre Keresztes, Journalist, HVG, Budapest.

5 January 2005, Saint Georges Hotel, Jerusalem

**Topic: Political Background on Current Palestinian Issues and the PA Presidential Elections**

**Participant(s):** 180 Members, European Union Election Observation Mission, West Bank and Gaza 2005

5 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: PA Presidential Elections**

**Participant(s):** William Quandt, Edward Stettinus Professor of Politics, University of Virginia, USA.

5 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: PA Presidential Elections**

**Participant(s):** Jonathan Frerichs, Programme Executive, Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, World Council of Churches, Geneva; Chris Ferguson, World Council of Churches, Jerusalem

5 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: PA Presidential Elections**

**Participant(s):** Josho Watanabe, Bureau Chief, NHK, Japanese TV, Jerusalem.

- 5 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **PA Presidential Elections**  
Participant(s): Michael Johnson, Journalist, Cyprus
- 6 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **PA Presidential Elections**  
Participant(s): Trudy Rubin, Philadelphia Inquirer; Larry Garber, NDI Observer
- 7 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **PA Presidential Elections**  
Participant(s): CNN TV
- 7 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **PA Presidential Elections**  
Participant(s): BBC Radio 4
- 7 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **PA Presidential Elections**  
Participant(s): Christer Friden, Swedish Broadcasting Corporation, Middle East Correspondent
- 7 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **The Presidential Elections**  
Participant(s): Joe Grinberg, Chicago Tribune
- 7 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **PA Presidential Elections**  
Participant(s): Ron Allen, NBC TV
- 7 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **PA Presidential Elections**  
Participant(s): Adnan Obeidat, Former Director of Hebron Office, Anera
- 8 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topics: **(a) Palestinian State Building; (b) Civil War and Black September 1970 in Jordan**  
Participant(s): Darren Bleier, PhD Student, Tel Aviv University; Tony Galli, PhD Student, Tel Aviv University
- 8 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **The Day After the Presidential Elections: Palestinian-Israeli Conflict - Where to?**  
Participant(s): Soli Ozel, Lecturer, Department of International Relations, Istanbul University, Turkey
- 8 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **The New PA President's Mission and the Palestinian Opposition**  
Participant(s): Suto Nobukiko, Member, House of Representatives, Director, Committee on Foreign Affairs, Tokyo, Japan
- 8 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Presidential Elections in Jerusalem**  
Participant(s): Turkish Observers: Ass.Prof. Dr. Cegniz Cagla, Yildiz Technical University, Istanbul; Umut Uzer, Atilim University, Ankara; Prof.Suha Bolukbasi, Middle East Technical University, Ankara; Prof.Fulyo Atocon, Yildiz Technical University, Istanbul; Semra Ausar, Consul of Turkish Consulate; Yonet C. Tezel, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ankara
- 8 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Jerusalem and the PA Presidential Elections**  
Participant(s): Karsten Tveit, Middle East Correspondent, Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation
- 8 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **PA Presidential Elections**  
Participant(s): Masato Kaiho, Rome Bureau Chief, The Mainichi Newspaper (Japanese Daily)
- 8 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **PA Presidential Elections**  
Participant(s): Tony Walker, North America Editor, The Australian Financial Review, Washington D.C
- 10 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **PA Presidential Elections**  
Participant(s): German Delegation: Dr. Lotzsch Gesine, MP, Germany; Dr. Rainer Stinner, MP, Germany; Dagmar Schmidt, MP, Germany; Alexander Eberl, Second Secretary, German Representative Office; Meejeong Hong, Research Professor, Korea.
- 10 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **PA Presidential Elections**  
Participant(s): South African Delegation: Siza Ncwana, Diplomat; Isaac Mogotsi, Diplomat; Zeenat Adam, Diplomat, South African Representative.
- 10 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Palestinian Opposition & the Presidential Elections**  
Participant(s): Bernard Tannous, Voice of the Sun, Nazareth.
- 11 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **The Day After the Presidential Elections**  
Participant(s): Greg Shapland, Head of Middle East & North Africa Research Group, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, London.

11 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: East Jerusalem and the PA Presidential Elections**

**Participant(s):** Amy Handerson, Journalist, Jerusalem Report, Jerusalem

11 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Israeli and Palestinian Institutions in Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** Amit Lechem, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem

13 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Palestinian Presidential Elections**

**Participant(s):** Collin Hemes, Advisor for Palestinian Affairs at Israeli Civil Administration, Beit El, Occupied Territories.

13 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Palestinian Elections**

**Participant(s):** Qassem Khatib, MBC Channel.

13 January 2005, PASSIA, Ramallah  
**Topic: Perspectives of Transitional Justice in Palestine – Human Rights Abuses during the Conflict**

**Participant(s):** Lubna Hammad, Lawyer, PhD Candidate.

14 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Abu Mazen's Challenges**

**Participant(s):** Benjamin Sand, Voice of America

16 January 2005, PASSIA, Ramallah

**Topic: PM Sharon and PM Mahmoud Abbas' Agendas**

**Participant(s):** Nile TV

17 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The New PA Government**

**Participant(s):** Michael Matza, The Philadelphia Enquirer, Jerusalem

17 January 2005, American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem (*Working Dinner*)

**Topic: The Current Situation in Palestine**

**Participant(s):** David Malone, Assistant Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Africa and Middle East; Ron Willson, Representative, Canadian Representative, Ramallah; Andrew Whitley, Canadian Diplomat; Abdul Malek Jaber, Chairman, Cairo-Amman Bank, Ibrahim Matar, Economist, Italian Consulate; Jonathan Kuttab, Lawyer; Hanna Siniora, Business Man.

18 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Abu Mazen / Gaza**

**Participant(s):** BBC Radio

24 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Government Issues in Palestine**

**Participant(s):** Tareq Touqan, Policy Advisor, Development Alternatives, Inc.; Jeremy Kanthor, Marketing Associate, Development Alternatives, Inc.; Carmen Lane, Senior Development Specialist, Governance and Public Sector, Management Group, Development Alternatives, Inc.

24 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Development on the Palestinian Dialogue in Gaza**

**Participant(s):** Phadime Choshane, 3rd Secretary (Political), South African Representative, Ramallah.

25 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Palestinian-International Relations; The New Role of Donors**

**Participant(s):** Carl-Johan Belfrage, PhD, Institute of Economic Research, Lund University, Sweden.

27 January 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Civil Society Issues**

**Participant(s):** Anthony Richter, Middle East & North Africa Initiative, Open Society Institute, New York, USA

5 February 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Sharm El-Sheikh Conference**

**Participant(s):** Marin Albu, Romanian Representative, Ramallah; Marian Stefan, Consulier, Romanian Representative, Ramallah

8 February 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Sharm El-Sheikh Summit**

**Participant(s):** Phadime Choshane, 3rd Secretary (Political), South African Representative, Ramallah

8 February 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Palestinian-Israeli Impasse and Canadian Politics**

**Participant(s):** Francine Lalonde, Deputee de La Pointe-de-l'Île, Porte-parole du Bloc Québécois en Matière d'affaires Etrangères, Chambre Des Communes, Canada; Alexa McDonough, MP, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ont.; Mike Elliott, Second Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Tel Aviv; Bill Casey, MP, Official Opposition Deputy Whip, Canada; Elizabeth Anctil, Representative (Interim), Oxfam Quebec, Jerusalem

8 February 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Sharm El-Sheikh Summit**

Participant(s): Mark Urban, BBC News; Fo'ad Abu Ghosh, BBC News, Jerusalem

8 February 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Between Gaza-Disengagement & Israeli Security Fence - Expectations towards the Role of Europe in the Peace Process**

Participant(s): Michele Auga, Director, FES; Peter Schafer, Program Manager, FES; Siegmund Ehrmann, MP, Deutscher Bundestag; Christian Lange, MP, Deutscher Bundestag; Kerstin Lange, MP, German Parliament; Dr. Carola Reimann; Andreas Weigel, Member, German Parliament.

11 February 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Agenda of Norwegian Prime Minister's Visit to Palestine-Israel**

Participant(s): Sten Arne Rosnes, Representative of Norway, Ramallah; Dr. Jonas Jolie, 1<sup>st</sup> Secretary Political, Norway representative Office, Ramallah

11 February 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian Factions & The Truce**

Participant(s): Voice of America

14 February 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Agenda of the March 2005 London Conference**

Participant(s): Ross Allen, Consul Political, British Consulate, Jerusalem

17 February 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Abu Mazen's Political Agenda**

Participant(s): Philip Mccrum, The Economist Magazine, London

18 February 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **PASSIA & the Palestine Question**

Participant(s): James Sevitt, Fellow; Panteha Haverim, Student, Volunteer; Shana Tabak; Sam Thrope, Student, Writer; Andrea Wershof, Medical Student; Esther Polen, Nurse; Jonathan Neril, Student; Leah Kaplan; Neil Harris, Education; Daniel Sieradski, Graphic Designer, Journalist; Ilene Prusher, Journalist; Mara Sheftel, Student; Joshva Ellison, Writer, Student; Julie Meslin; Miri Wexler, Educator; Ilana Sumka, Student, Political Organizer.

23 February 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Israeli Disengagement from Gaza**

Participant(s): Rene Aquarone, Director, UNRWA Executive Office, HQ, Gaza

3 March 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Role of Women in Palestinian Society**

Participant(s): Marc Mellinger, Political Officer, US Consulate, Jerusalem; Heidi Kline Panetta, State Department Officer.

8 March 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Civil Society Issues**

Participant(s): Jeremy Pressman, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Connecticut, USA.

12 March 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Elections & Islamic Organizations**

Participant(s): Josho Watanabe, Bureau Chief, NHK, Jerusalem

14 March 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian Political Culture**

Participant(s): Jordi Raich Curco, Head of Mission, International Committee of the Red Cross, Jerusalem; Stefan Szeless, Field Coordinator, International Committee of the Red Cross, Jerusalem

18 March 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Turkey, the Middle East & the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict**

Participant(s): Dr. Cagri Erhan, Associate Professor at Ankara University; Ercan Ozer, ambassador; Murat, chairman of the Foreign Ministry's Center for Strategic Research (SAM); Bülent Karadeniz, Head of Department, Center for Strategic Research (SAM); Didem Inci, Research fellow, Center for Strategic Research (SAM).

20 March 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topics: **(1) Palestinian Reform; (2) Arab Summit & the Normalization with Israel**

Participant(s): CNN TV

23 March 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Culture of Resistance**

Participant(s): Darrell Yeaney, Retired Presbyterian Minister; Christina Erb, Reporter, Student; Nick Loomis, Student, Photographer; Laila Aosse, Chairperson, Iowans for a Free Palestine; Myrna Farraj, Retired Teacher, Counselor; Germana Nijim, Retired CPT Reservist; Pat Minor Nidey; Lisa Ross Thedens, Presbyterian Pastor (PCUSA); Naomi Zeff, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Jim Leach (IA-OZ); Miriam Meyer,

Psychologist; Craig Cohen, Researcher, Center for Strategic & International Studies D.C.; Greg Geier, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church ELCH; Sue Yeane, Retired Coordinator Presbyterian's Committee Peace & Justice.

24 March 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topics: (1) Higher Education; (2) US Policy & the Israeli Settlements**  
Participant(s): Yehuda Lukacs, PhD, Associate Provost for International Programs, Center for Global Education, Johnson Center.

24 March 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestinian Culture**  
Participant(s): Nick Thrope, Budapest Correspondent, BBC News

31 March 2005, Belgian Consulate, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestinian-Israeli Conflict in the Post-Arafat Era**  
Participant(s): Richard Foltin, Attorney, Government Relations; Lale Mamaux, Communications Director, Congressman Robert Wexler; Tod Story, District Director, Congresswoman; Keven Casy, Legislative Director; Landon Fulmer, Appropriations Director, Senator Sam Brownback; Lee Godown, Chief of Staff, Congresswoman Sanchez; Jay Martin, Deputy Chief of Staff, Congressman Denny Reberg (MT); Win Boerckel, Dc Chief of Staff, Congresswoman Gwen Moore (WI); Chock Eatow, Chief of Staff, Rep. Brian Higgins (Buffalo MY); Corinne Stevens, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Adam Putnam.

2 April 2005, American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem - (Working Dinner)  
**Topic: ILO & the Palestinian Israeli Impasse**  
Participant(s): Delegation from the International Labor Organization (ILO), Nourjahan Ansari, Program Assistant; Khaled Doudine, ILO Representative; Simel Esim, ILO RO – Regional Gender Advisor; Tareq A. Haq, ILO Employment Development and Strategies Officer; Friedrich Buttler, ILO; Steven Dates, ILO Standards and Rights Sector; Philippe Egger, ILO.

4 April 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The Israeli-Palestinian Impasse**  
Participant(s): Ofer Zalberg, Israeli Representative, Jewish Peace Lobby, Jerusalem.

9 April 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: PASSIA's Work**  
Participant(s): Anna Wester, Information, the Palestine Solidarity Association in Sweden; Hakan Brunnstrom, the Palestine Solidarity Association in Sweden.

10 April 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The Bush-Sharon Summit**  
Participant(s): Barbra Pett, BBC Radio

11 April 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: The Palestinian Strategy and the Road Map**  
Participant(s): John Bell, Visiting Researcher, University of Toronto, Canada.

18 April 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Israeli Settlements in the OPT**  
Participant(s): Philip Wilcox, Jr., President, Foundation for Middle East Peace, USA.

25 April 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Romania and the EU**  
Participant(s): Dr. Marin Albo, Head, Romanian Representative Office; Marian Stefan, Diplomat, Romanian Representative Office.

25 April 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: PASSIA Conference on Turkey**  
Participant(s): Semra Avsar, Deputy Consul General, Turkish Consulate, Jerusalem.

2 May 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Gaza Withdrawal and Its Impact**  
Participant(s): Ken Ellingwood, Staff Writer, Los Angeles Times, Jerusalem; Marjorie Miller, Foreign Editor, Los Angeles Times, Jerusalem.

6 May 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestinian Elections (Local Government)**  
Participant(s): (1) CNN TV; (2) Nile TV, Cairo

7 May 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestinian Diplomats and the PLO-PA Establishment**  
Participant(s): Eugene Makhlof, Ambassador, Palestinian Delegation, Sweden.

9 May 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic: Palestinian Elections (Local Government)**  
Participant(s): CNN TV

18 May 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **“Honor” Killings**

Participant(s): Kazuhide Iketaki, Jerusalem Bureau Chief, Jiji Press.

19 May 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem (Hungarian Delegation)

Topic: **Palestinian Municipal & PLC Elections**

Participant(s): Bela Jungbert, Dir. Gen., 6th Territorial Dept., Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Dr. Istvan Zsufita, Program Director, Association of Central Eastern European Election Officials; Bela Fiscovics, Financial Director, International Training Center; Miklos Szabo, Dir.Gen., International Training Center; Laszlo Fehervari, Head, Representative Office of the Republic Hungary.

21 May 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Laura Bush’s Visit to Jerusalem**

Participant(s): (1) ABC TV; (2) MBC TV

22 May 2005, Best Eastern Hotel, Ramallah

Topic: **Evaluation of the Palestinian Development Plan**

Participant(s): Professor Pere Vilanova Hill, University of San Pablo CEU, Madrid

24 May 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Abu Mazen’s Trip to Washington & the Palestinian Elections**

Participant(s): CNN TV; VOA; Swiss Radio

14 June 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Turkey & the Arab-Israeli Relations**

Participant(s): Assist.Prof.Dr. Ozlem Tur, Department of International Relations, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey; Ayse Omur Atmaca, Research Assistant, Department of International Relations, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey.

14 June 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Gaza Disengagement**

Participant(s): Anna & Joanna A., Freelance Journalists, America.

15 June 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Human Face of the Palestinian Economy**

Participant(s): Jennifer C. Olmsted, Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, Drew University Madison, New Jersey, US.

18 June 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Condoleeza Rice’s Visit to the Region**

Participant(s): Elizabeth Palmer, Correspondent, CBS News, London.

25 June 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The PA Leadership**

Participant(s): Danny Rubinstein, Ha’aretz; Haim Gouri, Journalist and novelist; Menahem Brughan; Magen Broushi; Shlomo Ben Layen.

28 June 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian Political Institutions**

Participant(s): Tonje Merete Viuen, Universality of Oslo, Institute of Cultural Studies and Oriental Languages. Oslo, Norway.

29 June 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jordan-Palestine – A New Scenario**

Participant(s): Russell Lucas, PhD, University of Oklahoma.

1 July 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Security Issues**

Participant(s): Kurt Shillinger, Research Fellow: Security and Terrorism in Africa, The South African Institute of International Affairs.

7 July 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Israeli Disengagement Plan - the Day After**

Participant(s): Matthias Finken, Counselor, Political Affairs, German Embassy, Tel Aviv.

9 July 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The PA and Reforms**

Participant(s): Salama Al-Mashoukhy, Political Science, Electrical Engineer, Hamburg, Germany.

11 July 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Culture of Terrorism**

Participant(s): Bassam Haddad, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Saint Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

15 July 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Australian-Palestinian Relations**

Participant(s): Peter Manning, Adjunct Professor of Journalism, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Technology Sydney, Australia.



18 July 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Political Situation in the OPT**

Participant(s): Vanessa Buisson, Research Associate, National Security, Council on Foreign Relations, New York.

18 July 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Political Situation in the OPT**

Participant(s): Tineke Bennema Dweik, Trouw Daily Dutch Newspaper, Amsterdam.

21 July 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Decline in Relations between the PA and Hamas in Gaza**

Participant(s): Irris Makler, Freelance Journalist, CBC, Canada

28 July 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Security Reforms in Palestine**

Participant(s): Dr. John Jenkins, British Consul General, Jerusalem

29 July 2005, Consul General's Residence, Jerusalem (Working Lunch)

Topic: **Gaza Withdrawal: The Day After**

Participant(s): Jacob Walles, Consul General of the USA, Jerusalem

1 August 2005, Darna Restaurant, Ramallah (Working Breakfast)

Topic: **Israeli Disengagement: The Day After**

Participant(s): Carrol M.Aileen, Canada's Minister of International Cooperation, Canada; Ron Willson, Representative, Canada Diplomatic Mission, Ramallah; Hanan Ashrawi; Miftah; Azmi Ash-Shu'aybi; Lamis Alami, The Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens' Rights; Riad Malki, Director, Panorama; Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman, PASSIA.

2 August 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Israeli Disengagement: The Day After**

Participant(s): Don Plett, President, Conservative Party of Canada; Susan McArthur, Finance, Conservative Party of Canada; Sandra Buckler, Consultant; Ken Boessenkool, Consultant; S. Fogel, G.R; David Cooper, Government Relations; Tim Powers, Business Man; Linde Frum, Writer; Tom Flanagan, Professor; Yael Goodman, Tour Guide.

4 August 2005, American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian Media - the New Agenda**

Participant(s): Dr. Nabil Sha'ath, Deputy Prime Minister, Ministry of Information, Ramallah.

5 August 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Human Rights Watch Report on Promoting Impunity: The Israeli's Military's Failure to Investigate Wrongdoing**

Participant(s): Sarah Leah Whitson, Executive Director, Human Rights Watch, Middle East & North Africa Division; Hania Mufti, Baghdad Director, Human Rights Watch, Baghdad; Lucy Mair, Researcher, Human Rights watch, Middle East & North Africa Division.

6 August 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Shafar Amr Episode - The Day After**

Participant(s): Radio France International, English Service.

15 August 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Political Landscape in Palestine**

Participant(s): Nadia Hijab, Director, Development Analysis & Communication Services, Washington.

16 August 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Gaza Disengagement**

Participant(s): Bela Jungbert, Head, Hungarian Representative Office, Ramallah; Gyorgy Harsanyi, Editor, Foreign desk, Hungarian News Agency Corporation, Budapest, Hungary.

18 August 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Cultural Issues**

Participant(s): Omar Yousef, Architect, US.

18 August 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Withdrawal from Gaza**

Participant(s): Micheal Johnson, Journalist, Cyprus.

18 August 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Common Ground**

Participant(s): John Bell, Visiting Researcher, University of Toronto, Canada.

22 August 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Seminar on India**

Participant(s): Aftab Seth, Former Ambassador of India to Japan, Honorary Chairman, Professor and Director Global Security Research Institute, Swaminthan Foundation in Japan; Oham Brakash, Indian Representative, Ramallah.

26 August 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Water Issues**

Participant(s): Andy Rowell, Fact Finding Group.

30 August 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian Society and the PLC Elections**

Participant(s): Mou'in Rabbani, Senior Analyst, Middle East International, Amman, Jordan; Graham Usher, Journalist; Nick Pelham.

31 August 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Internet Education**

Participant(s): Dr. Brenda E. Brasher, Department of Sociology, University of Aberdeen, Scotland.

31 August 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian Identity**

Participant(s): Christopher Tooley, PhD Candidate, Bed MA (Hons), University of Cambridge, UK.

5 September 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Situation in Gaza**

Participant(s): Marian Stefan, Counselor, Deputy Representative of Romania.

21 September 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem (*British Delegation*)

Topic: **Overview on the Upcoming Palestinian Elections**

Participant(s): Mark Pritchard MP, Member of Parliament, The Wrekin, House of Commons, London; Brian Binely MP FRSA, Member of Parliament for Northampton, House of Commons, London; The Rt Hon James Arbuthnot MP, Member of Parliament for North East Hampshire, Chairman of Defense Select Committee, House of Commons, London; Ross Allen, Consul political, British Consulate, Jerusalem.

1 October 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Peace Initiatives and the Role of Civil Societies**

Participant(s): Group Representing Six Countries, incl. Christians & Muslims.

ALBANIA: Tom Preku; Vlash Plepi; Syria Xhelaj; Gezim Plakoili; Albania; Aferdita Sadiku

KOSOVO: Don Shan Zafi; Goran Antic; Qemajl Morina.

MACEDOINIA: Mgr Antun Cirimotik; Pr.Dr.

Ratomir Grozdanoski; Jagup Selimoski.

SERBIA-MONTENEGRO: Vladislav Varga; Aleksandar Djakovac; Medzmedin Sacipi.

CROATIA: Ivan Milovcic; Azim Durmic; Suzanna Tkalec.

FRANCE: Genevieve Colas; Antoine Sondag; Nicolas Bodin; Vladimir Ciric

Sponsored by: Secours Catholique, Caritas France

4 October 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Parliament "Judiciary Issues"**

Participant(s): Steffen Rudolph, Ambassador (ret.), Adviser, Government & Institution Building, Council of the European Union.

6 October 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian Political Landscape**

Participant(s): Ali Riza Guney, Deputy Chief of Mission, Turkish Consulate; Semra Avsar, Consul, Turkish Consulate.

11 October 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Security Reform in Palestine**

Participant(s): Nicole Kehler, International Recruiter, DAI, USA; Jack McCarthy, Senior Development Specialist, DAI, USA.

12 October 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Finnish-Palestinian Cooperation**

Participant(s): Heikki Hannikainen, Representative of Finland, Ramallah; Olli Ruohomaki, Deputy, Representative Office of Finland; Mona Shamma', Office Manager-Program Officer, Representative office of Finland, Ramallah.

13 October 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Culture of Ramadan in Palestine**

Participant(s): Sarah Humphrey, Director, Presbyterian Answer to Hunger; Sydney Schneider, Marketing McKesson Provider Tech., Hospital Information Systems; Robert Weaver; Mary Smarr, Retired, Volunteer, Presbyterian Church; Judy Davis, Retired Teacher; Charles Hughes, Retired Minister; Anne Hughes, Retired Teacher.

17 October 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Palestinian Cause**

Participant(s): Bente Fuqlsbjerg, Teacher; Irene Aggernaes, Teacher; Helle Preisler, Teacher; Bente Grne, Graphic Artist; Line Moller, Nurse; Karen Henriksen, Retired Teacher, Diana Vinding, Anthropologist; Inger Lumholt, Retired Teacher; Dagmar, Retired Social Worker; Ingrid Steinitz, Retired Teacher; Karen Marie Moller, Social Worker; Anna Rambusch, Nurse.

- 18 October 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **The Situation on the Ground**  
Participant(s): Mr & Mrs. Berger, German Representative Office, Ramallah.
- 19 October 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **The Abu Mazen-Bush Meeting**  
Participant(s): Nidal Rafa', CNN
- 20 October 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Palestine & the Regional Development**  
Participant(s): Rana Saifi, Regional Social Development Adviser, DFID, British Embassy, Amman.
- 20 October 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **PLC Election & the Position of the Factions**  
Participant(s): Kansuke Nagaoka, Counsellor, Embassy of Japan, Tel Aviv; Izuru Shimmura, Head, Representative Office of Japan, Gaza.
- 26 October 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **The Judiciary System & Security Reform**  
Participant(s): Serge Lortie, The International Cooperation Group, Department of Justice, Ottawa, Canada; Robin Wettlaufer, Political Officer, Representative Office of Canada, Ramallah; Salim Fakirani, Counsel, Office of the Special Advisor, CIAL, Middle East; Department of Justice, Canada; Fayaz Manji, Senior Program Advisor, Peace-building & Human Security Division; Canada; Colin Lake, Policy Officer, Regional Security & Peace-keeping Division (IDC), Ottawa, Ontario.
- 29 October 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **1948 Nakba Day**  
Participant(s): Liran Atzmor, Belfilms, Tel-Aviv; Noemi Schory, Director, Belfilms, Tel-Aviv.
- 30 October 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **On Palestinian Leadership**  
Participant(s): Michael Matza, The Philadelphia Enquirer, Jerusalem
- 8 November 2005, Darna Restaurant, Ramallah (*Working Lunch*)  
Topic: **The Current Situation in the OPT & Israel**  
Participant(s): Bernard Landry, Canadian Prime Minister, Quebec; Sara Saber-Freedman, Chief Operating Officer, Canada-Israel Committee.
- 9 November 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **On 1948 Nakba**  
Participant(s): Liran Atzmor, Belfilms, Tel-Aviv.
- 10 November 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **General Situation**  
Participant(s): Dominik Stillhart, Head of Delegation, ICRC; Jordi Raich Curco, Head of Mission, ICRC, Jerusalem.
- 10 November 2005, Bethlehem University, Bethlehem  
Topic: **Palestinian General Delegation to the UK - The New Appointee Manuel Hassassian**  
Participant(s): University Staff; Students & Bethlehem Community.
- 10 November 2005, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem (*Working Dinner*)  
Topic: **General Situation**  
Participant(s): Adamos Adamon, Chairman, EU Delegation; Jas Gawronski, Senatore Della Repubblica, European Parliament.
- 11 November 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **The First Anniversary of President Arafat's Death**  
Participant(s): Paul Adams, BBC TV.
- 14 November 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Palestinian Elections**  
Participant(s): Alan Macovsky.
- 17 November 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Hamas & the Elections**  
Participant(s): Karstein Tveit, Norwegian TV.
- 17 November 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **The Rafah Crossing Agreement**  
Participant(s): CNN TV.
- 28 November 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Fateh's Primary Elections**  
Participant(s): Semi Kahan, Journalist, Sweden.
- 28 November 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **Fateh's Primary Elections**  
Participant(s): Dani Robenstein, Ha'aretz Newspaper, Jerusalem.
- 30 November 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
Topic: **The Upcoming Elections**  
Participant(s): Isabel Kershner, The Jerusalem Report

30 November 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **Fateh's Primary Elections**

**Participant(s):** Fredrik Kirst, Consul, Political Affairs, Consulate General of Sweden, Jerusalem.

30 November 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **Fateh's Primary Elections**

**Participant(s):** Jumana Abu Zayyad, Political & Press Officer, British Consulate, Jerusalem.

5 December 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **The Netania Suicide Bombing**

**Participant(s):** Anne Banard, Boston Globe, Jerusalem.

8 December 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **Elections 2006**

**Participant(s):** Marie-Christine Faure, Long Term Observer, NDI; Lubna Abdul Latif, NDI; Holger Tillman, Political Affairs Officer, German Representative Office, Ramallah; Ross Allen, Consul Political, British Consulate, Jerusalem; Peter Schafer, FES.

10 December 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **Elections 2006**

**Participant(s):** Constance Mayer, Sr. Middle East Analyst, Arab-Israeli Affairs, US.

12 December 2005, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem (*Working Dinner*)

**Topic:** **Elections 2006**

**Participant(s):** Constance Mayer, Sr. Middle East Analyst, Arab-Israeli Affairs, US; Hatem Abdul Qader, PLC, Jerusalem.

13 December 2005, PASSIA, Ramallah

**Topic:** **Elections 2006**

**Participant(s):** Nader Al A'ssar, Egyptian Consul, Egyptian Embassy, Tel Aviv.

13 December 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **Elections 2006**

**Participant(s):** Heikki Hannikainen, Finnish Representative Office, Ramallah; Sophie From-Emmesberger, Councillor, Regional Manager, Unit for the Middle East & North Africa, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland.

13 December 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **Elections 2006**

**Participant(s):** Peter Schaffer, Program Coordinator, FES, Jerusalem.

13 December 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **Elections 2006**

**Participant(s):** Robert Handerson, Long Term Observer, Canadian Observation Mission, West Bank & Gaza; Mort Jackson, Long Term Observer, Canadian Observation Mission, West Bank & Gaza.

15 December 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **Elections 2006**

**Participant(s):** Robert Berger, Voice of America.

20 December 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **Solidarity & Non-Violence**

**Participant(s):** Ariane Rendu, Project Manager, MAN; D'elia Giovani, MAN, Centro Studi Sereno Regis (To-Italy); Michel Roy, International Lobbying & Advocacy Dir., Secours Catholique, Caritas France; Muller Jean-Marie, MAN IRNE; Dr. Bernard Sabella, Jerusalem; Jean Marie Muller, Research Director, IRNC. ▼



22 December 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **Elections 2006**

**Participant(s):** James Teeple, Correspondent, Jerusalem Bureau, VOA.

26 December 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **Violence and Non-Violence**

**Participant(s):** Aaron Hahn Tapper, Co-Executive Director, Abraham's Vision.

27 December 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **Politics and Non-Violence Issues**

**Participant(s):** Jason Erb, Representative, Quaker Service, Amman, Jordan.

31 December 2005, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **Palestinian Elections**

**Participant(s):** Veronique De Keyser, Chief Observer, European Union Election Observation Mission, West Bank & Gaza 2006; Dr. Ron Herrmann, Election Expert, European Union Election Observation Mission, West Bank & Gaza 2006.

## FORUM

27 July 2005, Grand-Park Hotel, Ramallah

**Topic:** The Crisis of Fateh

**Speakers:** Jamal Shobaki, Mohammed Al Hourani

**Participant(s):** Walid Hammoudeh, Architect; Omar Yousef, Architect, Urban Planner; Nihad Abu Ghazaleh, Ministry of Education; Muwaffaq Yasin; Ahmad Saqrawi, PLC; Ismail Muhsen, Information; Mahmoud Abu Ein, Palestinian Importers Society; Isam Salahat, Researcher; Adnan Nabil, Student; Thomas Birringer; Ibrahim Khreishi, Chief Clerk, PLC; Adeb



Ziadeh, Mohammed Najib, Journalist; Taleb Awad, Researcher; Iyad Masrouji, Manager; Manal Dajani, Advocate; Hussein Al-Deek; Abed Abu Diab; Jawad Dar-Ali; Karsten Hudel, Student; Mahmoud Assad; Khalil Refa'e; Tariq Odet Allah, Advocate; Mu'tasem Al-Ashhab; Abdul Rahman Tamimi; Khadijeh Abu Ali, GUPW; Fadwa Sha'er, Ministry of Interior; Osama El-Goul, Al-Rai' Newspaper; Saed Abu-Farha, Journalist; Amin Abu Alsoud, Agricultural Engineer; Saed Zein, Researcher; Jamal Mansour; Ahmed Suboh, Deputy Minister; Ghadeer Dajani, Program Officer, National Democratic Institute; Jihad Harb, PSR; Nadia Hajal, Freelancer; Dr. Hanan Awad, Palestinian P.E.H; Nedal Omar, PCBS; Ross Allen, British Consulate; Nicole Neumeister, British Consulate; Ali Khilleh, Consultant; Allam Jarrar, Director; Ghassan Abdullah; Ala' Al Lahlouh, Researcher, PSR; Ruba Abu Roqtti, Program Manager; Leonhard Moll, Head, Austrian



Representative ; Emily Harding, NDI; Holger Tillman, German Representative Office; Miguel Berger, German Representative Office; Mohannad Toyh, Researcher; Nadia Dibsy, Deputy Head of Mission; Silvia Ishaq, Hijazi Eid, Tour Guide; Peter Schafer, FES; Nasser Ramieh, Lawyer; Mohammed Thabet, Lawyer; Odeh Younes, Civil Defense; Ahmad Al-Qasim, Director; Samer Sami, Press; Sam'an Khoury, Media Consultant; Dr. Hassan Khreishi, PLC; Abed Rabbo Hussein Abu-Oz, PLC; Hani Odeh, PLC; Nihad Hussein; Basil Mansour, Fateh Movement; Samir Bernat, Civil Force, Fateh; Rose Shomali, Director; Dr. Faisal Awartani; Nedal Ismail; Rawan Natsheh, JCW; Jamal Aruri, Al-Ayyam ; Mohammed Abed Rabbo, Journalist; Kifah Al-Ja'bari; Munjed Hussein; Mohammed Johari, Ministry of Finance; Riyad Qadriyeh, Correspondent, Kuwait TV. ▼

