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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)

6 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Islamic Waqf Schools in Jerusalem

Participant(s): Adnan Hussein, Director, Islamic Waqf, Jerusalem

16 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Palestinian Fears in and for Jerusalem

Participant(s): Dr. Menachem Klein, Bar Ilan University; Daniel Seidemann, Lawyer; Adnan Hussein, Director, Islamic Waqf, Jerusalem

1 February 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Coptic and Islamic Waqf Issues in the Old City of Jerusalem

Participant(s): Adnan Hussein, Director, Islamic Waqf, Jerusalem

18 February 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

The Faisal Husseini Foundation in Jerusalem: Prospects for Cooperation

Participant(s): Abdul Qader Husseini; Issa Kassassieh

10 April 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Socioeconomic Problems Facing Palestinian Jerusalemites on a Daily Basis

Participant(s): Amneh Badran, Acting Director, Jerusalem Center for Women; Mahira Dajani; Principal of Dar At-Tifl Al-Arabi School.

19 April 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Daily Sociopolitical Problems Related to Palestinian Jerusalemites

Participant(s): Hatem Abdul Qader, Palestinian Legislative Council; Mahmoud Jaddeh, Director of Nidal Center for Community Development; Terry Bullata, School Principal; Ibrahim Sha'ban, Lawyer; Zaki Abu Halawah, Journalist.

22 April 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Palestinian-Israeli Research Work on Jerusalem

Participant(s): Dr. Joseph Ginat, Haifa University, Professor of Anthropology and Middle East Studies.

29 April 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

The Muslim Perspective on Jerusalem's Status and Holy Places

Visit of a group of students from the Swedish Theological Institute

Participant(s): Aasuhv Hande, Professor; Anders Runesson, Associate Professor; Anders Blomquist, Chaplain at the Swedish Theological Institute; Students: Karin Meijer, Stina Hogman, Marie Nordberg, Asa Perssar, Maria Altsdotler, Martin Lembke, and Terese Hillgrund.



12 May 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Current Challenges Facing Al-Aqsa Mosque



Sheikh Ekrima Said Sabri, Mufti of Jerusalem



Sheikh Mohammed Hussein, Director of the Al-Aqsa Mosque



Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University



Sheikh Ibrahim Said Sabri, Judge of the Islamic Shari'a Court of Appeals



Participant(s): Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Engineer Adnan Hussein, General Director of the Jerusalem Islamic Waqf; Sheikh Azzam Al-Khatib, Director of the Jerusalem Islamic Waqf; Sheikh Fathi Ahmad Mansour, Judge, Islamic Shari'a Court; Sheikh Ibrahim Said Sabri, Judge of the Islamic Shari'a Court of Appeals; Sheikh Ekrima Said Sabri, Mufti of Jerusalem; Issam Abdul-Rahman Awwad, Resident Engineer, Committee for the Restoration of Al-Aqsa Mosque; Dr. Mohammed Jadallah, Physical Doctor; Sheikh Mohammed Hussein, Director of the Al-Aqsa Mosque; Dr. Yousef Said Natsheh, Head of the Islamic Archaeological Department, Al-Aqwaf, Jerusalem; Ibrahim Joulani, Private Sector.

30 June 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

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Participant(s): Prem G. Kumar, Political Officer, U.S. Consulate, Jerusalem

5 July 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Coordination Meeting on Jerusalem

Participant(s): Adnan Hussein, General Director of the Jerusalem Islamic Waqf, Palestine.

22 July 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

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

23 July 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

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Participant(s): Mathias Finken, Counselor, Political Affairs, Embassy of Germany, Tel Aviv

25 August 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

The Holy Places in Jerusalem

Participant(s): Adnan Hussein, Director of Islamic Waqf, Jerusalem; Nader El-A'aser, Egyptian Consul, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

PASSIA Forum

4 August 2003, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

The Socioeconomic and Political Impacts of Israel's Security Fence - with a Focus on the Jerusalem Area

Presentation by: Jan de Jong (Geographer and Land Planning Expert)

Participants: Audience of some 80 Palestinian and foreign participants



Workshops & Conferences

4 June 2003. PASSIA, Jerusalem

The Perception and Role of Youth with Regard to Tackling the Socio-Economic Problems in East Jerusalem: between Reality & Implementation

Participant (s): Issa Rabadi, Program Manager, Youth Development Department (YDD), Jerusalem; Sandrine Amer, Y.W.C.A, Jerusalem; Ani Apkarian, Teacher, Terra Sancta High School, Jerusalem; Elise Aghazarian, Governance Projects Coordinator, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

18 June 2003. PASSIA, Jerusalem

The Future of Jerusalem from a Youth Perspective

Participant (s): Mahmoud Jaddeh, Nidal Center for Community Development, Jerusalem; Terry Boullata, Principal, New Generation School, Jerusalem; Abdullah Al-Sedawee, Coordinator, Palestinian Vision, Jerusalem; Nadine Majaj, Member of Saris Youth Club, YWCA, Jerusalem; Natasha Carmi, Engineer, Palestinian Hydrological Group, Member



of Saris Youth Club, Jerusalem; Ani Apkarian, Teacher, Inshirah Abu Gharbieh, Old City Youth Association, Jerusalem; Marwan Bashiti, Old City Youth Association, Jerusalem; Reem Bayyuk, Political Translator, UNTSO, Member of Saris Youth Club, YWCA, Jerusalem; Sandrine Amer, Lawyer, Member of Saris Youth Club, YWCA, Jerusalem; Rana Rabadi, Pharmacist, Member of Saris Youth Club, YWCA, Jerusalem; Elizabeth Peterson, Friedrich Ebert Foundation; Elise Aghazarian, PASSIA.

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 2003 included monitoring Israeli activities in the city, especially the construction of the 'security fence', as well as putting together a comprehensive chronology of events that happened in or affected in one way or another the city of Jerusalem.