

JERUSALEM

INTRODUCTION

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.

The following activities with a focus on Jerusalem took place during 2014 (for subjects specifically related to Al-Aqsa Mosque and other holy places in the city please see the "Religious Studies Unit" chapter):

ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS

17 February 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem and Palestinian Civil Society

Participant(s): Dr. Erik Tornlund; Dr. Anna Hjalm; Sarvia Grijalv; Rev. Blandina Frausien Sawayae, Pastor; Dr. Mbabazi Veneranda; Prof. Varghese Manimala; Angel Lam, S.T.M.; Reverend Lilly Phiri; Gladson Jathanna, Assistant Professor; Dr. Edgar Antonio Lopez, Theologist; Hermann Mvula's, lecturer; Caroline Kyhlback, Minister to the Church of Sweden; Carin Gardbring, Senior Advisor; Obvious Vengeyi, Senior Lecturer; Dr. Rose Mukansegimana, Lecturer; Florence Iminra, Theologian; Praveen P.S. Perumalla, Assistant Professor.



26 February 2014, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: The Crisis of Identity and Education in Jerusalem

Speaker: Samir Jibril, Director of Education, Awqaf Department, Directorate of Jerusalem.

Participant(s): Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA; Ali Sabbah, Coordinator of Activities; Dr. Abdel Rahman Abbad, Secretary General for the Muslim Scholars and Ulama in Palestine; Dr. Sulaiman Rabadi, Freres College for Boys & Girls (De la Salle); Aref Hussein, Founder of Al-Nayzak; Fayzeh Zalatimo, Medical Tech; Sawsan Safadi, PR Manager; Adel Ghazzawi, Mohammad Bader, Hakim Dirbas, Muayad Bader, Lana Fraij, Osama Abu Khdeir, Raed Halabi, Abeer Irbas, Hanin Naafeh, Mohammad Sayyad, Delegation from the Parents Committee Union; Dima Samman, Director General, Directorate of Education; Ahmad Dureidi, Rosary Sisters' High School, Dr. Maha Samman, Head of Urban Studies and Spatial Practices program at Al-Quds Bard Honors College for Liberal Arts and Sciences; Sireen Yihya, Student; Nadeen Nashashibi, Project Coordinator, Yabous Cultural Center; Abed Abu Diab; Adv. Azzam Hashlamon, Director, Dar Al-Aytam; Mustafa Kemal Sahin, Vice Consul, Turkish Consulate; Abdel Aziz Rajabi; Sonia Quteineh; Hanin Joulani, Teacher; Abdel Karim Lafi, President of Parents Committee Union, Sinan Abdel Qader, Architect; Khaled Kaloti, Engineer; Abdel Qader Hussein, Faisal Hussein Foundation; Yaser Abdel Rahman Abu Dayi, Rosary Sisters' High School; Nasser Hidmi; Eng. Abdel Qader Tahboub; Darwish Hijazi; Amani Khalifa; Husni Al-Natsheh, Director Manager, Housing Council; Mahmoud Abu AL-Rob, Rosary Sisters' High School; Jamil Abdel Rahman, Lecturer; Mohammad Jamal Abu Khdeir, Journalist; Hisham Issa Hidmi, Lecturer; Nadim Jamal, Journalist; Abel Latif Ghaith; Omar Mustafa Alami, Deputy General Manager, Jerusalem Cigarette Co. Ltd.; Elias Khouri, Lawyer; Dr. Iyad Hallaq, Lecturer; Eng. Khalid Khatib, Palestinian Heritage Museum; Daoud Ghoul; Father Rafiq Khouri, Latin Patriarchate.



5 March 2014, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem - Future Perspectives

Participant(s): Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA; Basem Abdel Hamid Al-Sa'eh; Diana Safi; Khalil Assali; Mohammad Kirresh, PEA; Tamer Maliha; Dr. Ghassan Abdallah, CARE; George Filman; Kursad Mahmat, TIKa; Ishaq Budeiry, Lawyer; Fouad Al-Hallaq, Policy Advisor; Farid Al-Qawasmi, Taxi Driver; Kery F.H., Student; Abdel Maseeh Younan, Chancellery; Dr. Suleiman Ghosheh; Simon Azazian, Bible Society; Nicolaos Atallah, Sabeel; Fr. Rafiq Khouri, Latin Patriarchate; Nahel Hudhud; Enas Muthaffar, Filmmaker; Mustafa Kemal Sahin, Vice Consul, Turkish Consulate; Riman Barakat, Co Director, IPCRCI; Haj Abed Abu Diab; Munir Nusseibeh, Director, Community Work Center; Za'al Adawiya; Ibrahim Hussein, Journalist; Malik Zablach, DTA; Mohammad Jaddeh; Maher Abu Khater, Journalist; Zakariya Odeh; Haya Totah; Zahra Khaldi, Academic Coordinator; Abdel Latif Ghaith; Ziyad Abu Zayyad, Writer; Ziyad Hammouri; Itedal Ashhab; Mais Abu Arafah, Financial Director; Walid Salim, Director, CDCD; Dr. Arafat Hidmi, Chairman of Board of Directors, Al-Makassed; Adel Ghazzawi, Parents Committee Union; Dr. Jeries Khouri, Al-Liqa Center; Sawsan Safadi; Basem Abu Asab; Salah Zuheika; Khalid Al-Khatib, Palestinian Heritage Museum; Ghada K. Dibs; Andreas Jahshan; Usama Halabi; Muna Al-Shaikh; Saed Ghazi Saed;

Nasser Hidmi; Hiba Al-Atrash; Muhammad Jabareen; Abdel Karim Lafi; Ibrahim Shaban; Khalid Kaloti; Hatim Khweis; Fayzeh Zalatimo; Dr. Awad Mansour; Shifa Mansour; Bernard Sabella; Dr. Hani Abdeen; Jamal Ghosheh; Andrea Semplici; Dr. Omar Yousef, Al-Quds University; Jumana Jaouni; Nadim Al-Jamal; Dr. Nicolas Ninon.



7 May 2014, Khalil Al-Sakakini, Ramallah

Topic: **Contemporary Jerusalem**

Speaker: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA

Organizer: Carter Center, Ramallah



27 September, 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Tove M. Anderson; Inge Marie Frandsen; Hans Erik Andersen; Oluf Pedersen; Eigil Veggerby Lausten; Flemming Andersen; Kaj Ross-Hansen, UNI THEUL; Gertrud Bisgaard; Ida Skoh Mogensen, Midwife; Eva Brynildsen, Midwife; Liss Matthiesen, Teacher; Hans Henrik Fatner, Journalist; Stig Matthiesen, Journalist.



9 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem and the Two-State Solution

Participant(s): Sara Lisherness, Director, Compassion, Peace and Justice; Greg Allen-Pickett, General Manager, World Mission (PCUSA); Rick Jones, Communications Strategist; Rev. Victor Makari, Presbyterian Church (USA) Partnership Liaison.



17 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem

Participant(s): Harvey Beck, A., WPO Ontario, Canada, Active Allowance Inc., Entrepreneur; Michael W Bollhoff, Young Presidents' Organization (YPO) Rhine, Germany, Wilhelm Bollhoff GmbH & Co. KG , Managing Partner; Yann Borgstedt, YPO Alpine, Switzerland Securarchiv SA , CEO; Olivier Calloud, YPO Alpine, Switzerland; Pignet Galland & Cie SA, CEO; John P. DeBlasio, YPO Chicago, Windy, United States, Sallyport Global Holdings, President; Christoph Hoermann, YPO Rhine, Germany, Hoermann KG, Managing Partner; Steven M. Kupka, WPO US Capital, United States, Husch Blackwell Sanders LLP, Managing Partner; Dale L. Lefebvre, YPO US Capital, United States, 3.5.7.11 Investments, Founder and Executive Chairman; Marwan Naja, YPO Alpine, Switzerland, Bellevue Education Group, Chairman of the Board; Maurice S. Ostro, YPO London, United Kingdom, Ostro Minerals (UK) Ltd, Chairman; Tim Perutz, YPO London, United Kingdom, P3 Group Ltd, Managing Director UK Group; Yasser Shahin, YPO South Australia, Australia / New Zealand, Peregrine Corporation, Executive Director; Michael A. Stoltzfus, YPO US Capital, United States, Dynamic Aviation, President & CEO; Cathrine-Anne Burda, Burda Media; Kurt R. Schwarz, Active Investor; Louisa Bojesen, Anchor of CNBC's Flagship Afternoon TV Show, Ambassador for Denmark; Tamari Dalla, Advisor for Philanthropic Matters to W&P S.A in Geneva, Officer of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.



BRIEFINGS

4 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Jerusalem Municipality

Participant(s): Kathryn Hadyman, Student at Tufts University.

11 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Education in Jerusalem

Participant(s): Union of Parents Committees in East Jerusalem Schools: Abed El-Karim Abu Lafi; Zaki Abu Ta'a; Hatem Khweis; Mohammad Nasser Eddin.



15 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem

Participant(s): Mostafa El Gamil, Egypton Consul General, Tel Aviv; Mr. Hazem Gheith, Political officer, Egyptian Representative office, Ramallah; Dr. Abdul Rahman Abbad, Lecturer, Al-Quds University.

21 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem

Participant(s): H.E. Leonhard Moll, Austrian Representative to the PA, Ramallah; Christoph Sternat, Political Consul, Austrian Representative office, Ramallah.

18 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Issues**

Participant: Hazem Gheith, Political Officer, Egyptian Representative Office, Ramallah.

20 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Three Cemeteries of the Mount of Olives and the Kedron Valley**

Participant: Clémence Vendryes, Student, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France.

27 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Civil Society Issues in Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Dr. Abdel Rahman Abbad, Secretary General for the Muslim Scholars and Ulama in Palestine; Adnan Husseini, Minister of Jerusalem Affairs.

1 April 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Issues**

Participant(s): Norwegian & Dutch Solidarity with Palestine Delegation: Peter M. Johansen, Journalist, Klassekampen; Erling Petersen, Teacher; Marianne Oeen; Egul Ole Oeen, Dr. Vet. Med.; Alf Steinar Kneppen, Teacher, Historian; Arne Skogen Lekve, Retired; Henning Aanes, National Insurance Court, Medical Judge; Elizabeth Areler, Pensionist; Jane Blameri; Gunnar Guddling, Retired.



26 April 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Current Political Situation in Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Dr. Geries Khoury, Director, Al-Liqa Center for Religious and Heritage Studies in the Holy Land, Bethlehem; Laure Foucher, Researcher.



17 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem – An Endless Conflict?

Participant(s): Michael Blair, Exec. Minister, Church of Canada; Khwaka Kukubo, Advisor, Refugees, Immigration & Migration, United Church of Canada; Gail Allan, Coordinator, Ecumenical Interchurch & Interfaith Relations; Wendy Gichuru, Program Coordinator, Africa & Middle East Partnerships.



21 May 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Human Rights, International Law, and the Question of Jerusalem

Participant(s): Victor Peskin, Political Science Professor, Arizona State University, United States.

16 June 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Planning in and for Jerusalem

Participant(s): Wendy Pullan, Director, Martin Centre for Architecture and Urban Studies, Department of Architecture, University of Cambridge, UK.

10 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem between Pragmatism and Idealism

Participant(s): Dr. Yara Saifi, Architect, Dean, Hind Al-Husseini, Al-Quds University; Dr. Omar Yousef, Architect and Urbanist, Head, MA Jerusalem Studies, Al-Quds University; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



14 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem between Pragmatism and Idealism

Participant(s): Wendy Pullan, Director, Martin Centre for Architecture and Urban Studies, Department of Architecture, University of Cambridge, UK; Danny Rubinstein, Journalist.



17 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Youth in Jerusalem and the War in Gaza

Participant(s): Helene Sallon, Journalist, Le Monde; Achikam Seri, Cameraman, Le Monde.

09 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Jerusalem File

Participant(s): Abdel Latif Ghaith, Chair of the Board, Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association; Khaled Zabarkeh, Director, Al-Quds Association for Development; Hatem Abdel Qader, The Jerusalem File; Sheikh Azzam El-Khatib, General Director, Islamic Waqf; Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Mazen Sinokrot, Awqaf Council; Firas Zaghal, Councilor.



2 September, 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Civil Society Institutions in Jerusalem

Participant(s): Fadi Hidmi, Director General, Arab Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Jerusalem; Ishaq Budeiry, Lawyer, Director, Arab Studies Society.

2 September 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Egypt and Jerusalem

Participant(s): Hazem Gheith, Political Officer, Egyptian Representative Office, Ramallah; Ishaq Budeiry, Lawyer, Director, Arab Studies Society.

10 September 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Crisis of Education in Jerusalem

Participant(s): Afif Safieh, Former Ambassador to the Russian Federation; Diana Safieh, Safieh Tours; Sister Francesca Pourato; Alaa Saffouri, Researcher, PASSIA; Minas Rajabi, Researcher, PASSIA.



22 September 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Research Study on Abd Al-Qader Al-Husseini

Participant: Danny Rubinstein, Journalist.

24 September 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Health Issues in Jerusalem (Al-Makassed Hospital)

Participant: Hazem Gheith, Political Officer, Egyptian Representative Office, Ramallah.

2 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Spain and Jerusalem

Participant(s): Juan José Escobar Stemmann, Consul General, Consulate General of Spain, Jerusalem; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.

15 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Altering the Character of Jerusalem

Participant(s): Fouad Hallaq, Negotiations Affairs Department; Sana Hasna, Negotiations Affairs Department; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



15 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Israeli Colonization of Jerusalem

Participant: Khalil Tafakji, Settlements Expert, Orient House.

23 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem and the Mission of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)**

Participant(s): Frederic Boyer, Head of Mission of Jerusalem and WB, ICRC; Jumana Jaouni, Communication Officer, ICRC.

27 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem**

Participant: Solly Tshivhula, Counselor, South African Representative Office to the State of Palestine.



6 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem and Gaza**

Participant: Nathan Stock, Field Office Director, The Carter Center.

11 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Political Situation in Jerusalem**

Participant: Victorien Hanche, Intern (Political Affairs), Consulate General of Belgium, Jerusalem.

11 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Research Study on Jerusalem**

Participant: Dr. Sheikh Ekrima Sa'id Sabri, Head of the Supreme Islamic Council, Al-Aqsa Mosque Preacher, Head of the Council for Muslim Preachers and Scholars.



25 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem

Participant(s): Hazem Gheith, Political Officer, Egyptian Representative Office, Ramallah; Ahmed Abou-Auf, Political Officer, Egyptian Representative Office.



27 November 2014, Turkish Consulate, Jerusalem

Topic: Turkey and Jerusalem

Participant(s): Sheikh Abdel Azim Salhab, Head of the High Council of Waqf; Ambassador Mustafa Sarnic, Consul General of the Republic of Turkey, Jerusalem.



27 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestinian Education in Jerusalem

Participant: Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Al-Iman Schools.

2 December 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem and Turkish Politics

Participant: Ambassador Mustafa Sarnic, Consul General of the Republic of Turkey.



4 December 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Stephane Vazelle, Senior Political Affairs Officer, UN; Pascal Soto, UN; Yih Peng Chia, Political Affairs Officer, UN; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



06 December 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Today**

Participant(s): Gerry Adams, President, Sinn Féin International; Richard McAuley, Press Officer, Sinn Féin International; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



MEDIA BRIEFS & INTERVIEWS

6 January 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem

Participant(s): Eiad Elnael, General Manager and Director, Al- Basher TV Production, Al-Quds TV.

14 March 2014, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives

Topic: Jerusalem

Participant(s): Ms. May Abu Assab, Palestine TV, Good Morning Jerusalem.

20 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Shu'fat Refugee Camps

Participant(s): Ismael Kiswani, China TV; Dani Salamt, China TV.

20 March 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestinian Properties in Jerusalem

Participant(s): Sherene Abu Aqleh, Al Jazeera TV.



10 April 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem

Participant(s): Christine Rinawi, Palestine TV, Jerusalem; Ali Yassin, Cameraman, Palestine TV.



3 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Crisis in Jerusalem

Participant(s): Danny Superstein, Cameraman, China TV.

3 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Crisis in Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Ajyal Radio, Ramallah.

7 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Issues**

Participant(s): 7ala FM, Ramallah.

7 July 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Issues**

Participant(s): Dalia Nammari, Journalist, Russia TV; Dana Abu Shamsiya, Russia TV; Mohammad Osho, Cameraman, Russia TV.

6 August 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Culture of Fear in Jerusalem**

Participant: Mohammad Sharif, Cameraman, Palestine Today TV.

28 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Recent Developments in Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Ajyal Radio Network .

28 October 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem: What Lies Ahead?**

Participant(s): Keren Setton, Journalist, XINHUA China TV; Danny Superstein, Cameraman, XINHUA China TV.

6 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Recent Events in Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Sherene Abu Aqleh, Al-Jazeera TV; Samir Abu Gharbiah, Cameraman, Al-Jazeera TV.

13 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Youth of Jerusalem**

Participant: Emily Harris, Jerusalem Bureau Chief, National Public Radio (NPR).

18 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Recent Developments in Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Labeeb Jazmawi, Al-Jazeera TV.

19 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Civil Society in Jerusalem: What Lies Ahead?**

Participant(s): Yukie Yamao, Jerusalem Bureau Chief, The Asahi Shimbun.

20 November 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem: What Lies ahead?**

Participant(s): Al-Jazeera - English



02 December 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Orient House in Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Al-Jazeera TV



24 December 2014, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem in the Year 2014**

Participant(s): Dana Abu Shamsiya, Producer, Russia Today; Mohammad Osho, Cameraman, Russia Today .