



**PASSIA - FES
International Conference
on Europe and the Middle East**

Saturday, 10 November 2007

Grand Park Hotel, Ramallah

PROGRAM

9.00-9.30

OPENING REMARKS

KEY NOTE SPEECHES:

9.30-9.45

EUROPEAN-MIDDLE EASTERN RELATIONS- REALITY AND VISION

Marc Otte, *European Union Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process*

9.45-10.00

EUROPEAN-MIDDLE EASTERN RELATIONS- REALITY AND VISION

H.E. Dr. Salaam Fayyad, *Palestinian Prime Minister**

10.00-10.45

Discussion

10.45-11.00

Coffee Break

11.00-12.15

PANEL ONE: EUROPE'S ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Chair: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, *Chairman of PASSIA*

PALESTINIAN PERSPECTIVE

Dr. Nasser Al-Qudwa, *Former Palestinian Minister of Foreign Affairs*

ARAB PERSPECTIVE

Dr. Nabil Sha'ath, *Member of the PLO Central Council*

EU PERSPECTIVE

Dr Jorge Torres-Pereira, *Head of Mission, Portuguese Representative Office to the Palestinian Authority, Ramallah.*

Open Discussion

12.15-13.15

Lunch



13.15-14.45

PANEL TWO: EU-MIDDLE EAST RELATIONS: DIMENSIONS AND CHALLENGES

Chair: Dr. Claire Spencer, Head of the Middle East Programme at Chatham House, London

HOW TO DEAL WITH THE CHALLENGES OF ISLAMISM AND POLITICAL REFORM

Dr. Khaled Hroub, *Director of the Cambridge Arab Media Project (CAMP), Author of " Hamas: Political Thought and Practice", Washington, DC. 2000*

SECURITY – THREATS, AGENDAS AND POLICIES

Dr. Charles Kupchan, *Europe Director at the Council on Foreign Relations, Washington*

THE ECONOMIC DIMENSION OF EUROPEAN-MIDDLE EASTERN RELATIONS

John Kjaer, *Head of Representation, European Commission Representative Office West Bank and Gaza Strip, Jerusalem*

Open Discussion

14.45-15.00

Coffee Break

15.00-16.30

**PANEL THREE: EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST -
POLICY IMPERATIVES FOR THE NEXT DECADE**

Chair: Knut Dethlefsen, *Resident Representative of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Jerusalem*

THE EU'S RELATIONS WITH IRAN

Dr. Rolf Mützenich, *Member of the German Bundestag (SPD) and Chairman of the German-Iranian Parliamentary Group*

SYRIA AND THE EUROPEAN NEIGHBORHOOD POLICY

Nadim Shehadeh, *Associate Fellow of the Middle East Programme at Chatham House, London*

THE FUTURE OF THE PEACE PROCESS

Diana Buttu, *Prime Minister's Office*

STRATEGIES FOR DEMOCRATIZATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Khalil Nakhleh, *Independent Development and Academic Consultant*

Open Discussion