PASSIA-FES JOINT CONFERENCE –
50 YEARS OF OCCUPATION MUST END!

Wednesday, 3 May 2017, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

PROGRAM

9.00-9.30 OPENING REMARKS
Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA
Dr. Beyhan Sentürk, Resident Representative FES Office Palestinian Territories

SESSION I: 50 YEARS OF OCCUPATION: IMPACTS ON THE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE

9.30-10.00 Palestinian Strategies and Policies: Achievements, Failures and Future Imperatives
Dr. Nazmi Ju’beh, Professor of History and Archaeology, Birzeit University

10.00-10.30 The Question of Jerusalem and the Holy Places
Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA, Jerusalem

10.30-11.00 Questions and Answers – Session One

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

SESSION II: 50 YEARS OF OCCUPATION: POLICY CHALLENGES AHEAD - THE REGION AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

11.30-12.00 Regional Threats and Opportunities (geopolitical shifts in the region, Trump Administration, Russia, refugee crisis, populism, domestic political dynamics in Israel and Palestine)
Dr. Nasser Al-Qudwa, Chairperson of the Yasser Arafat Foundation, member of Fatah’s Central Committee
12.00-12.30  International Threats and Opportunities
   Nathan Thrall, Senior Analyst, International Crisis Group

12.30-13:00  Questions and Answers – Session Two

13.00-14.00  Lunch Break

SESSION III: 50 YEARS OF OCCUPATION: IMPACTS ON SOCIETY AND IDENTITY

14.00-14.20  Palestinians in the West Bank
   Dr. Abdel Rahim Shaikh, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Arab and Cultural Studies, Birzeit University

14.20-14.40  Palestinians in the Gaza Strip
   Omar Shaban, Director, PalThink for Strategic Studies, Palestine

14.40-15.00  Palestinians in Israel
   Dr. Mohanad Mustafa, Director of Research Programs and Coordinator, Israel Studies Program, Mada Al-Carmel, Haifa

15.00-15.30  Questions and Answers – Session Three

15.30-16.00  Coffee Break

SESSION IV: 50 YEARS OF OCCUPATION: VOICES OF THE YOUTH

16.00-17.00  PANEL: WHAT’S NEXT? WHAT TO DO?

   Nur Arafeh, Policy Fellow of Al-Shabaka - The Palestinian Policy Network
   Saad Halawani, Society Programmes Manager, British Council, Jerusalem
   Ruba El-Ghoul, Management and Finance Analyst at the UNDP - Assistance to the Palestinian People (UNDP/PAPP)
   Samer Nusseibeh, Engineer, Jerusalem