

II. DIALOGUE PROGRAM

Introduction

Through its Dialogue Program, PASSIA has ever since its foundation striven 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, PASSIA has earned a reputation for providing a unique forum for dialogue and exchange and for 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 different 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 120 people. Forums are held at a hotel in Jerusalem or Ramallah, 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.

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

2 October 2012, PASSIA, Ramallah

Topic: DRAWING FINAL BORDERS: NEW THINKING TOWARDS A VIABLE, UNIFIED PALESTINIAN STATE SPEAKERS: JAN DE JONG, GEOSTRATEGIC PLANNER; GEOFFREY ARONSON, DIRECTOR OF THE FOUNDATION FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE (WASHINGTON DC)

Participant(s): Raed Abed Rabbo, PR Director; Dr Nasri Kumsieh, Chairman, Arij; Layaly Hamayel, Research Assistant, Birzeit University; Sam Bahour, Consultant; Mazen Sinokrot, Private Sector; Christian Jacklsperger, Deputy Head of Mission (Germany); Sameer Abu Eishah, Professor of Engineering, Najah National University; Raid Nairat, Professor of Political Science, Najah National University; Ahmad Abbas, Advisor, Ministry of Planning

15 May 2012, Hind Al-Husseini Women College, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem

Topic: COMMEMORATING THE PALESTINIAN NAKBA 1948, FILM SCREENING FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION

Participant(s): Mahira Dajani, President, Dar At-Tifl Al-Arabi; Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Adel Ruished, Governmental Relations Officer, Administrative Director in Jerusalem, Al-Quds University; Mu'tasem Hamoudeh, IT Consultant, Al-Quds University; Nadia Alkam; Phadime Choshare, First Secretary, South African Representative Office, Ramallah; Benjamin Groulx, Researcher; Martin de Leon, Student; Suzannah Reuben, Student; Teachers & Students from Dar At-Tifl Al-Arabi & Al-Quds University.

10 May 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE SECOND ARAB AWAKENING AND THE IMPACT ON PALESTINIANS

Participant(s): Group from National War College, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Richard B. Andres, Professor of National Security Strategy at the National War College; Captain Frank H. Kingett, Coast Guard Chair at the National War College; Colonel Mark Bertolini, US Army, Armor/Cavalry officer; Lieutenant Colonel Matthew S. Grosz, Infantry officer in the United States Marine Corps; Norman Jacobson, Jr., Participants at the Defense Senior Leader Development Program (DSLDP); Marc Koehler, U.S. Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer; Lt Col John LaPore, United States Air Force Logistics Readiness Officer; Lieutenant Colonel Michelle D. Mitchell, Second Lieutenant in the Adjutant General Corps; Dermot F. O'Reilly, Special Agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI); Lieutenant Colonel Todd P. Simmons, United States Marine Corps (USMC); Matthew Williams, Policy Analyst for the Department of Defense.



31 March 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: PALESTINIAN INTERNAL POLITICS

Participant(s): ILO delegation, Kari Tapiola, Special Advisor to the Director General; Shauna Olney, Coordinator Equality, Migrant Workers and Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Team, International Labour Standards Department; Tareq Haq, Employment Development & Strategies Officer; Martin Oelz, Legal Officer And Human Rights Focal Point, International Labour Standards Department; Mounir Kleibo, Representative, ILO Jerusalem; Rasha El-Shurafa, Programme Officer, ILO Jerusalem.

Briefings

22 November 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: IMPLICATION OF THE WAR ON GAZA AND THE DAY AFTER

Participant(s): Dr. Laszlo Gonad, Foreign Policy Analyst, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary; Mr. Adam Szesztay, Head Of Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary; Mr. David Bohm, Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Deputy Director, PASSIA, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA

22 November 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: IMPLICATION OF THE WAR ON GAZA AND THE DAY AFTER

Participant(s): Phadime Choshane, First Secretary, South African Representative Office, Ramallah; Goodman Molate, Counselor, South African Representative office, Ramallah; Solly Tshivhula, Counselor Political Section, South African Representative office, Ramallah; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Deputy Director, PASSIA, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA.

17 November, 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: COURTESY VISIT

Participant(s): HE Philip C. Wilcox, President, Foundation for Middle East Peace, Washington DC, Former American Consul General in Jerusalem (1989-1991)

6 November, 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: COURTESY VISIT

Participant(s): Yael Lempert, Deputy Principal Officer, Consulate General, United State of America; Jennifer Gavito, Chief of Political Section, Consulate General, United State of America

24 October, 2012 PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE PALESTINIAN IMPASSE AND THE QATARI EMIR'S VISIT TO GAZA

Participant(s): Dr. Martti Eirola, Head, Representative Office of Finland to the Palestinian Authority, Ramallah

9 October, 2012 PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: PALESTINIAN-JORDANIAN POLITICS

Participant(s): Steven Galpern Ph.D. Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Washington DC; Colin C Eilts, Desk Officer, Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs; Kimberly Harrington, Political Advisor, Office of the United States Security Coordinator; Eric M. Barbee, Political Officer, Consulate General of the United States of America.

4 October, 2012 PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: INTERNAL PALESTINIAN POLITICS

Participant(s): Csaba Czibere, Head of Mission, Representative Office of Hungary to the Palestinian National Authority, Ramallah.

27 September 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: PRESIDENT MAHMOUD ABBAS AND PALESTINIAN POLITICS

Participant(s): Karl Vick, Journalist, Time Magazine

24 September, 2012 PASSIA Office - Jerusalem

Topic: THE GERMAN SPD - PALESTINIAN INTERNAL POLITICS

Participant(s): Alexander Ruesche, Program Manager, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung;

20 September 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: PALESTINIAN LOCAL ELECTIONS

Participant(s): Dr David Carroll, Director of Democracy Program; Sarah Johnson, Assistant Director of Democracy Program; Nathan Stock, Assistant Director of the Conflict Resolution Program; David Viveash, Carter Center; Fajr Harb, Program Coordinator



11 September 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: PALESTINIAN INTERNAL POLITICS

Participant(s): Mostafa El Gamil, Consul General, Arab Republic of Egypt, Takeshi Okubo, Political Counselor, Embassy of Japan, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA.

5 September 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: SECURITY, NETWORKING AND HUNGARIAN NGOS

Participant(s): Csaba Rada, Deputy Head of Mission, Head, Hungarian Representative Office, Ramallah, Dr. Peter Rada, President, Corvinus, Society for Foreign Affairs and Culture, Jonathan Jones, Volunteer Researcher, PASSIA; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman, PASSIA

1 September 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE ECONOMY OF PALESTINIAN OCCUPIED TERRITORY

Participant(s): Andreas Reinicke, EU Special Representative for the MEPP; Julia Koch, Head of Political Section, European Commission Technical Assistance Office (West Bank, Gaza Strip).

4 September 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: AMERICAN ELECTIONS: WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM AN AMERICAN ELECTED PRESIDENT?

Participant(s): Mirvat Al-Azzah, Al-Hurra TV, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA

29 August 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: EGYPT AND SHAPING PALESTINIAN POLITICS

Participant(s): Peter C. Lohman, Political Officer, US Department of State; Christopher G. Leslie, Deputy Political Chief, US Department of State; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Deputy Director, PASSIA, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA; Jonathan Jones, Volunteer Researcher, PASSIA

27 August 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: SOUTH AFRICA & ISRAEL

Participant(s): Phadime Choshane, First Secretary, South African Representative Office, Ramallah, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Deputy Director, PASSIA, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA

25 August 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE ARAB SPRING FOR ISRAEL

Participant(s): Danny Robinstein; Avishai Margalit; Hanoch Gutfroind; Uri Katz; Shlomo Abulafia; Peteg Radai.

23 August 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: FUTURE OF THE NGOs IN PALESTINE

Participant(s): Nathan Evans, Senior Program Manager, NDI; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Deputy Director, PASSIA, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA



2 August 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE PALESTINIAN PAPERS**

Participant(s): Clayton Swisher, Al-Jazeera TV; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway

24 July 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **COURTESY VISIT**

Participant(s): Mr. Mostafa El-Gamil, Consul General, Egypt Embassy; Mr. Sameh Nabil, Egyptian Consul, Egypt Embassy.

18 July 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **COURTESY VISIT**

Participant(s): B.S. Mubarak, Head of Indian Representative Office, Ramallah; Mohammed Abu Shamsieh, Public Relation Officer, Indian Representative Office, Ramallah, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Deputy Director, PASSIA

21 June 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **BRAZILIAN CONFERENCE**

Participant(s): Ligia Maria Scherer, Head, Brazilian Representative Office, Ramallah.

7 June 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **EGYPTIAN ELECTIONS**

Participant(s): Phadime Choshane, First Secretary, South African Representative Office, Ramallah; Goodman Makgapa Molate, Counselor, South African Representative Office, Ramallah.

4 June 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **ISRAELI GOVERNMENT**

Participant(s): Hanaoka Yoji, Jerusalem Bureau Chief, The Mainichi Newspaper, Japan

29 May 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE EGYPTIAN ELECTIONS**

Participant(s): Ismail Coovadia, Ambassador, South Africa Representative Office, Ramallah.

29 May 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE EGYPTIAN ELECTIONS**

Participant(s): Christopher Greenshields, Ambassador, Canadian Representative Office, Ramallah.

23 May 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE EGYPTIAN ELECTIONS**

Participant(s): Martin Seemungal, Producer, CTV; Nidal Abu Diab, Filmmaker, CTV

10 May 2012, Finland Representative, Ramallah

Topic: HOW TO PROCEED ON PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI RELATIONS? HOW TO INTEGRATE ISLAMIC MOVEMENTS INTO DEMOCRATIC AND PARLIAMENTARY PROCESSES, INCLUDING WOMEN'S RIGHTS? PALESTINE IN THE REGIONAL CONTEXT.

Participant(s): Foreign Affairs Committee of Parliament of Finland, Timo Soini, Chairperson of the Committee; Ben Zyskowicz, Member; Annika Lapintie, Member; Saara Karhu, Member; Christina Gestrin, Member; Aila Paloniemi, Member; Petteri Orpo, Member; Tom Packalén, Member; Raili Lahnalampi, Counsel and Committee; Dr Martti Eirola, Head, Representative of Finland, Ramallah; Prof. Sari Nusseibeh, President of Al-Quds University; Dr. Rana Alhelsi, Country Representative , Senior Consultant, NIRAS.

7 May 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE PALESTINIAN NARRATIVE

Participant(s): Javier Gutierrez, Deputy Consul General, Spanish Consulate; Alvaro Garcia-Ormaechea , Lawyer, CI Toledo Pax; Ana Echague, Researcher at Frida; Gabriel Elorriaga, Member of Spanish Parliament; Vicente Palacio, Foundation Alternativas; Carlos Mulas, Director, Fundacion IDEAS; Felix Arteaga, Senior Analyst, Real Instituto Elcano; Fernando Mtz.-Vara de Rey, Sefarad-Israel; Carlota Garcia Encina, Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute.



7 May 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: JAPAN SEMINAR 2012

Participant(s): Tomoaki Shimane, First Secretary, Head of the Public Information and Cultural Section, Representative Office of Japan, Ramallah; Hideki Hara, Director, Europe, Middle East and Africa Section, The Japan Foundation.

25 April 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE EU & THE ISRAELI PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

Participant(s): Gerhard Schlaudraff, Political Adviser to the EU Special

Representative for the Middle East Peace Process; Dr. Andreas Reinicke, European Union Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process.

25 April 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **CIVIL SOCIETY ISSUES**

Participant(s): Dana Marca, Vice President, Global Focus, Romania

24 April 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **PALESTINIANS 'PARALYZED' BY LACK OF VISION**

Participant(s): Michael Jansen, The Irish Times, Jerusalem.

19 April 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **CIVIL SOCIETY ISSUES**

Participant(s): Yasmine Sherif Rajasingham, Deputy special Representative of the Administrator, Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People, United Nations Development Programme

18 April 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **ELECTIONS & YOUTH**

Participant(s): Julie Ballington, Leader of the Mission, Senior Advisor on Gender and Political Participation in Democratic Governance Group (DGG), United Nations Development Programme; Marcin Buzanski, International Consultant-Conflict and Governance, United Nations Development Programme; Amjad Al-Sharif, Programme Analyst, Governance Unit, United Nations Development Programme

12 April 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **EXCHANGE LETTERS BETWEEN PRESIDENT ABBAS AND PRIME MINISTER NETANYAHU**

Participant(s): Gu Yi, Jerusalem Bureau, China Central Television; Marwan Athamneh, Correspondent, China Central Television

11 April 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **POLAND, SOUTH AFRICA: HISTORY CULTURE & IDENTITY**

Participant(s): Bogustaw Ochodek, Representative of the Republic of Poland, Representative Office of the Republic of Poland to the Palestinian National Authority; Basia Urban-Nino, Development Aid Expert, Office of the Republic of Poland to the Palestinian National Authority, Ismail Coovadia, Ambassador, South Africa Representative Office, Ramallah. Phadime Choshane, First Secretary, South Africa Representative Office, Ramallah; Livingstone Vukile Mdlalo, First Secretary, South Africa Representative Office, Ramallah.

2 April 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **PUBLIC DIPLOMACY & THE VARIOUS TRACKS IN PALESTINIAN INTERNAL POLITICS**

Participant(s): Ambassador Kathleen Stephens, Acting Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs; Lawrence Randolph, Special Assistant; Ashley

Garrigus, Staff Assistant ; Andrew Rabens, Special Advisor for Youth Engagement, Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs; Frank Finver, Counselor for Press and Public Affairs; Cynthia Harvey, Cultural Affairs Officer; Christine E. Meyer, Director, America House, American Consulate



28 March 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **PASSIA PROJECTS 2012**

Participant(s): Michael Broening; Head, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Jerusalem; INGRID Ross, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Berlin; Alexander Ruesche, Program Manager, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)

21 March 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE IMPACT OF THE ARAB SPRING ON THE PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI CONFLICT**

Participant(s): Sung-Jun YEO, Head, Korea Representative Office, Ramallah.

20 March 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE IMPACT OF THE ARAB SPRING ON THE PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI CONFLICT**

Participant(s): Naofumi Hashimoto, Head, Japan Representative Office, Ramallah

13 March 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE TWO STATE SOLUTION, WHERE TO?**

Participant(s): Warren Clark, Executive Director, Churches for Middle East Peace

29 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE RECONCILIATION PROCESS (FATEH VS. HAMAS)**

Participant(s): Phadime Choshane, First Secretary, South Africa Representative Office, Ramallah.

28 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE POLITICAL TRACKS IN PALESTINE 2012

Participant(s): Geert Cockx, Consul General, Consulate General of the Kingdom of Belgium; Karel Van Hecke, Consul (Political Affairs), Consulate General of the Kingdom of Belgium

28 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: PALESTINE AND POLAND

Participant(s): Bogustaw Ochodek, Representative of the Republic of Poland, Representative Office of the Republic of Poland to the Palestinian National Authority; Basia Urban-Nino, Development Aid Expert, Office of the Republic of Poland to the Palestinian National Authority.

19 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: WATER CRISIS IN PALESTINE

Participant(s): Sir Daniel Bethlehem, Director, Legal Policy International (London-Washington).

16 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE PALESTINIANS: TEN YEARS AFTER THE ISRAELI WALL

Participant(s): Croatian Television Interview; Ivana Dragicevic Velickovic, Reporter; Jure Bebek, Cameraman; Nino Zubovic, Sound Tech.

8 February 2012, Working Dinner at the Residence of the Representative of Netherlands, Jerusalem

Topic: THE PALESTINIANS AND THE VARIOUS POLITICAL TRACKS

Participant(s): HE Marie-Josée Jacobs, Minister of Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs of Luxembourg and the Foreign Ministry Delegation, Netherlands; Mrs. Brigitta Tazelaar, Ambassador, Netherlands Representative Office, Ramallah; Dr. Mamdouh Eker, Chairman of the Board of MASARAT Research Center, Ramallah; Alaa' Awad, President of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, Ramallah.

6 February 2012, Ramallah

Topic: THE NATIONAL DAY OF SRI LANKA

Participant(s): HE Dr. Ziad Bandak on behalf of President Mahmoud Abbas, and Dr. Nabil Shaath, Bishop Atallah Hanna, Ms. Janet Mikhail, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi and Dr. Laila Ghannam.

2 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: IMPLICATIONS OF THE HAMAS LEADERSHIP'S REGIONAL VISITS

Participant(s): Ismail Coovadia, Ambassador, South Africa Representative Office, Ramallah

2 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS.**

Participant(s): Amal Nader, Monte Carlo Radio

30 January 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION OF HAMAS.**

Participant(s): BBC Interview; Kambiz Fattahi, Correspondent, BBC Persian; Fouad Abu Ghosh, Producer, BBC Persian.

31 January 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **KHALID MASHA'AL'S VISIT TO AMMAN (29/JAN/2012).**

Participant(s): Phadime Choshane, First Secretary, South Africa Representative Office, Ramallah.

16 January 2012 PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **CORE ISSUES IN PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI CONFLICT**

Participant(s): Sujata Ashwarya Cheema, Assistant Professor, Center for West Asian Studies Jamia Millia Islamia, visiting Research Fellow Rothberg International School, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

11 January 2012 PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **PALESTINIAN INTERNAL POLITICS & THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS!**

Participant(s): Amanda Pilz, Deputy Political Chief; Rosaline Antar, Political/Protocol Specialist; Ibrahim Jibril, Political Advisor

11 January 2012 PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **SRI LANKA NATIONAL DAY**

Participant(s): Dr. T. Jayasinghe, Sri Lanka Representative Office, Ramallah

10 January 2012

Topic: **EU AND THE PALESTINIAN – ISRAELI PEACE PROCESS**

Participant(s): Dr. Marin Albu, Minister Plenipotentiary, Acting Head, Representative Office of Romania, Ramallah

3 January 2012, Jerusalem

Topic: **JAPAN CONFERENCE ON “DEMOCRATIZATION AND ITS INFLUENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST”**

Participant(s): Hitoshi Nakamura, Second Secretary, Japan Embassy, Tel Aviv, Representative Office, Ramallah.

3 January 2012, Jerusalem

Topic: **JORDAN HOSTING PALESTINIAN, ISRAELI AND THE QUARTET MEETING FOR PEACE TALKS**

Participant(s): Ethan Bronner, Bureau Chief, The New York Times, Jerusalem

PASSIA Forum

15 November, 2012, Best Eastern Hotel, Ramallah

Topic: NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN TRANSITIONAL REALITIES - POLISH EXPERIENCE AND PALESTINIAN NEEDS

Speaker: Jan Litynski, Advisor to the President of Poland; Diana Buttu, Lawyer and former spokesperson for the Negotiation Support Unit, PLO; Dr. Karolina Wigura, Sociologist, University of Warsaw; Dr. Sabri Saidam, First Deputy Secretary General of the Fateh Revolutionary Council and Advisor on IT Issues to the President; Patrycja Sasnal, Head of the Middle East and North Africa Project, Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM)

Participant(s): Saji Khalil, Teacher; Adnan Al-Sharawi, Trainer; Mahmoud Al Kaddah, Engineer; Ahmad Abu Ghoush, Researcher; Abdul Fattah Qalqili; Jad Salman; Saadi Al-Wahidi; Heyam Matar; Moqbel Atta; Abdul Rahman Haj Ibrahim; Abdul Muhazeb; Derar Al-Helo, Director; Laila Jammal, International Relations; Ahmed Nijim, Palestinian Cultural Forum, PCF; Raed Hmouz; Dr Rafiq Rishmawi, Paediatrician; Dr. Hanna Rishmawi; Abdullah Abdullah, Yara Zayed, Projects Manager, Caritas; Dr Samir Shehadeh; BS Mubarak, Representative of India; Omar Al-Masri, Atef Midani; Abdullah Hijazy.



14 November 2012, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN TRANSITIONAL REALITIES- POLISH EXPERIENCE AND PALESTINIAN NEEDS

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Participant(s): Basia Urban-Nino, Development Expert, Polish Representative Office;

Shifa Jayouri, Programme Officer; Zaki Abul Halaweh, Journalist; Dr. Karolina Wigura, Sociologist; Patrycja Sasnal, Head of Middle East and North Africa Project, PISM; Aleksandra Bukowska-McCabe, Head of the Palestinian-Israeli MEPP Unit, Africa and Middle East Department; Sawsan Safadi, Public Relations Manager, Directorate of Education/Waqf; Csaba Rada, DHM, Hungarian Representative Office; Jamal Al Aref, Deputy Country Director, ANERA; William Hopkinson, Political Advisor to the EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process; Sonia Najjar, Al Quds University; Peter Tuma, Deputy, Czech Representative Office; Dan Koski, Koski Consulting, Tourism and Nonprofit Consultation; Jumana Jaouni, Policy Officer, Netherlands Representative Office; Mariapiera Pepe Trainee, The Italian Cooperation Office; Ala'a Qawasmi, Trainee, The Italian Cooperation Office; Rawan Asad, Public Relations and Fundraising Assistant; Salah Atallah, Tour Operator; Dr Mustafa Abu Sway, Professor, Al Quds University; Khalil Assal, Journalist; Jamal Chosheh; Khulill Ifigazi, Business Expert. Zaki Abu Al-Halawa, Al-Quds newspaper.

18 September 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: POLITICAL ACTIVISTS AND YOUNG LEADERS - THE EFFECTS OF THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS ON FOREIGN POLICY ON THE MIDDLE EAST

Speakers: Ishmael Reed, Published author, librettist, media commentator, publisher, lecturer and teacher; David Mark, Author of “Going Dirty: The Art of Negative Campaigning,” and editor-in-chief of Politix, published by Topix, the largest local forum site in the USA.

Participant(s): Naser Hidmi, Activist; Susan Nammari, Senior Programs Specialist, US Consulate; Naser Ideis, Information Specialist; Hanadi Qawasni, Spokesperson for ACRI; Muna Hasan, Journalist; Sawsan Safadi, Head of Public and Directorate of International Relations Education; Javier Parrondo, Spanish Consulate; David Mark, Journalist; Ishmael Reed, Professor Emeritus; Carla Blank, Artistic Director, The Domestic Crusaders Project; Vin Traverso, Department Cultural Attache, the American Consulate; Mustafa Abu Sway, Professor, Al Quds University, Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Jonathan Jones, Volunteer Researcher, PASSIA; Hadil Zu'mot, Student, Aseel Fatafteh, Researcher, PASSIA



15th September 2012, Best Eastern Hotel, Ramallah

Topic: GOVERNING THE WEST BANK & THE GAZA STRIP: TWO REGIMES OR ONE?

Speakers: Dr. Reem Botmeh, Institute of Law, Birzeit University; Dr Basem Zubeidi, Professor of Political Science, Birzeit University; Dr George Giacaman, Associate Professor, Philosophy and Cultural Studies

Participant(s): Cassandra Garcia, Student; Mariangela Gasparotto, Student; Mohammed Abu Jame; Jad Isaac, Director General, Arij; Ida Audeh; Saed Zein; Dr Wael Al-Battreghi, Counsellor at the Foreign Ministry; Waed Hasan, Student; Mohnnad Asmar, Engineer; Bassam Al-Saqqa, Satellite Engineer, Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation (PBC); Ahmad Sayed Ahmad, Sound Engineer, Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation (PBC); Adnan Shqueir, Professor, Dean of Research, Bethlehem University; Dr. Nafeth Nazzal, Bethlehem University; Laia Nazzal, Bethlehem University; Matthew Collado, Student, Birzeit University; Pauline Maisterra, Student of Journalism; Muna Hasan; Layaly Hamayel, Researcher; Kursad Mahmat, Chief Representative, Turkish Cooperation & Coordination Agency, Tika; Raed Abed Rabbo, Public Relations Director, Arij; Rami Mehdawi, Ministry of Finance; Radi Al-Jerai; Saed Abdul Hadi, Al-Nasher; Ziad Sarahneh; Moa Jonsson Lanne, Student; Malak Fakhoury, Student; Katie Weinheimer, Student; Anastasia Berger, Student; Hassan Al-Balawi, Counsellor; Dr Nasri Kumsieh, Physician; Alexander Ruesche, Project Manager, FES; Khalil Nakhleh, Independent Researcher.

27 June 2012, Legacy Htel, Jerusalem

Topic: DEMOCRATIZATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE ARAB SPRING - AN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

Speaker: Dr. Joshua Muravchik, Fellow, Foreign Policy Institute, The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, and Fellow, George W. Bush Institute

Participant(s): Ziad Abu Zayyad, Palestinian Independent Journalist; Jamal Adileh, Businessman; Hassan Faraj, Psychologist; Dr. Mohammed al-Issawi, Muna Mousa;

Mariam Houk, Journalist; Zakaria Al Qaq, Al-Quds University; Dana Al Qaq, Student; Naser Hidmi; Khawla Abu Ghazaleh; Mazen Sinokrot, Businessman; Sung Jun Yeo, Head, Korean Representative Office, Ramallah; Rimon Abu Farha, Assistant, Head of Mission, Korean Representative Office, Ramallah; Raustin H, Student; David Viveash, Director, Carter Center; Khalil Assali, Journalist; B. S. Mubarak, Diplomat; Joshua Muravchik, Scholar; Joyce Morin Utz, Law Professor; Kathleen Bouzis, Student/NGO; Beatrice St. Laurent, University Professor.

14 June 2012, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: THE US AND ARAB STATES - THE CASE OF EGYPT

Speakers: Professor Rosemary Hollis, Professor of Middle East Policy Studies at City University in London and Director of the University's Olive Tree Scholarship

Program Discussant: Dr. Nabil Shaath, Member of the Fateh Central Committee and Head of its International Relations Department

Participant(s): Abdallah Hamdan, Esawiah Organization; Yasin Sbeih, Student; Hassan Faraj, Sharafat; Christine Mayer, Director, American House, Jerusalem; Zakaria Al-Qaq, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem; Ribhi Abu Hummus, Rastin H, Student, Sawsan Safadi, Public Relation Directorate of Education; Mohammed Abu Khdir, Journalist, QI-Quds News Paper, Jihad Al-Khatib, Murad Jadallah

9 June 2012, Best Eastern Hotel, Ramallah

Topic: PALESTINE...WHERE TO? FORTY-FIVE YEARS AFTER THE 1967 DEFEAT

Speakers: Dr. Roger Heacock, Professor of History & International Affairs, BZU; Dr. Basem Zubaidi, Professor of Political Science, BZU; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi,

Chairman of PASSIA; Jamal Atta, Political Consul, Egyptian Embassy, Palestine

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