Introduction

Through its Meetings or “Dialogue Program”, PASSIA strives 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 ever since its foundation, PASSIA has earned a reputation for providing a forum for dialogue and 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 differing 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 80-120 people. Forums are held in one of East Jerusalem’s hotels, such as the Ambassador Hotel, which offers the space and facilities
needed to accommodate the anticipated number of participants. In 2003, PASSIA held three fora (see below and under Jerusalem and Religious Studies Unit).

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.

Meetings held throughout 2003 at PASSIA (unless otherwise indicated) are listed below. Details are presented in the following order: date; topic; speaker/visitor; participants. (For additional PASSIA Meetings see the chapters on Jerusalem, Civil Society Empowerment – Promoting Good Governance, and the Religious Studies Unit).

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**

20 February 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem


**Participant(s):** Avishai Margalit, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Naim Ateek, Director, Sabeel: Palestinian Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, East Jerusalem; Shimshon Zelniker, Director, the Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem; Rafiq Hussein, Deputy Director General / Director of Operations, the Welfare Association, Jerusalem; Rivka Feldhay, Lecturer at the Tel Aviv University and the Van Leer Institute; Albert Aghazarian, Lecturer and Consultant, Jerusalem; Michele Auga, Fredrich Ebert Stiftung, Jerusalem; Amit Leshem, the Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem; Nora Carmi, Sabeel: Palestinian Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, East Jerusalem; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA; Deniz Altayli, Programs Director, PASSIA; Elise Aghazarian, Projects Coordinator, PASSIA.
20 March 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**US War on Iraq - A Palestinian Discussion**

*Participant(s)*: Khalil Tufakji, Arab Studies Society; Adnan Abdulrazek, Arab Studies Society; Sami Abu-Dayyeh, Net Tours; Nazmi Ju'beh, Head of Riwaq; Issa Kassissieh; Mohammad Jadallah, physician; Dlesdondro Dhurd, Political Officer, Argentinian Embassy, Tel Aviv; Felix Eikenberg, FES.

24 March 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Assessing Palestinian Negotiations - What’s at Stake?**

*Speaker*: Diana Buttu, Lawyer, Negotiation Support Unit (NSU)

*Participant(s)*: Mohammad Jadallah, Physician; Walid Salem, PANORAMA (Palestinian Center for the Dissemination of Democracy and Community Development); Steve Hibbard, Canadian Representative Office; Diana Butto, Negotiation Support Unit; Sami Abu-Dayyeh, Net Tours; Adnan Abdelrazek, Arab Studies Society; Felix Eikenberg, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung; Terry Boullata, school principle; Safa’ Abu Assab, Program Manager, Diakonia.

3 April 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**The Role of Civil Society and the Palestinian Economy**

*Speaker*: Iyad Masrouji, Managing Director, Masrouji Trading Company, Ramallah

*Participant(s)*: Ibrahim Joulani, Private Sector; Azzam Abu S’oud, Director of the Palestinian Chamber of Commerce; Hussein Abu Gharbiyyeh, Director of the Jerusalem Labor Office; Hala A’mas, Director of the Community Care Institution; Ahmad Hashem Zughayyar, Palestinian Legislative Council, Safa’ Abu Assab, Diakonia; Felix Eikenberg, FES; Rafiq Husseini, Deputy Director General / Director of Operations, the Welfare Association, Jerusalem; Fadi Hidmi, Welfare Association; Jamal Ghosheh, Palestinian National Theater; Mahmoud Salaymeh, Pharmacist; Fayiza Zalatimo, Ar-Razi Medical Lab; Shireen Abdul Hadi, USAID Mission; Elise Aghazarian, PASSIA; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA.
27 April 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

*International Labor Organization (ILO) Annual Mission to the Occupied Palestinian Territories.*

Assessment of the prevailing socio-economic situation and its impact on the Palestinian Workers in the Territories / Reassessment of existing programs and identification of new programs of technical cooperation that respond to the needs and priorities of the Palestinians resulting from the present humanitarian crisis.

*Participant(s):* Philippe Egger, Senior Economist, Bureau of Programming and Management, ILO; Giovanni di Cola, Senior Official Coordinator, Development Cooperation Department, ILO; Catherine Comtet; Official Lawyer, ILO; Samir Radwan, Advisor to Director General on Development Policies and Counselor on Arab Countries, ILO; Fredrich Butler, Assistant Director General, ILO; Khaled Doudine, ILO Representative, Jerusalem.

1 May 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

*Palestinian-Israeli Discussion Discourse on Current Affairs*

*Participant(s):* Dan Diner, Professor, Hebrew University, Jerusalem; Rafiq Husseini, the Welfare Association, Palestine; Shimshon Zelniker, Director, the Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem; Naim Ateek, Director, Sabeel: Palestinian Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, East Jerusalem; Rivka Feldhay, Lecturer at the Tel Aviv University and the Van Leer Institute; Albert Aghazarian, Lecturer and Consultant, Jerusalem; Amit Leshem, Coordinator of Projects with Palestinians, the Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem; Michele Auga, Resident Representative, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Jerusalem; Avishai Margalit, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Emmanuel Sivan, Hebrew University, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem; Itzhak Galnoor; Professor of Political Science, Hebrew University, Jerusalem; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA.; Elise Aghazarian, PASSIA.
5 May 2003, PASSIA, Ramallah

**The Wall: Cantonization and Unilateral Separation**

*Presentation by:* Nasser Al-Faqih, Coordinator, Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees (PARC)

*Participant(s):* Chris Choshane, third secretary, South African Representative Office, Ramallah; Alistair Wallbaum, Canadian Representative Office; Saed Abu Farha, Journalist, Al-Ayyam; Elisabeth Peterson, Friedrich Ebert Foundation; Azem Bishara, Advocate; Khaled Islaih, Researcher; Bassam Musleh, Lawyer; Nasser Al-Faqih, Organizational Development Specialist; Jamal Jum’a, PENGON Coordinator; Charles Shammas, Mattin Group; Susan Rockwell, Mattin Group; Martin Siepermann, ICCO (Dutch Interchurch Organization for Development Cooperation); Erik Acherman, ICCO Programs Officer; Jalal Khader, Lawyer.

13 May 2003, PASSIA, Ramallah

**The Role of the Private Sector in Promoting a Secular, Democratic Palestinian State**

*Participant(s):* Sam Bahour; Palestinian businessman and writer; Dr. Said Zeedani, Director of the Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens’ Rights, Ramallah; Dr. Mamdouh Aker, Independent Commission for Citizens’ Rights, Ramallah; Dr. Faisal Awartani, General Manager of Alpha International for Polling, Research & Informatics, Ramallah; Dr. Tayseer Arouri, Birzeit University; Iyad Masrouji, Managing Director, Masrouji Trading Company.

3 July 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Israeli-Palestinian Discussion on the Two-State Solution**

*Participant(s):* Itzhak Galnoor, Van Leer Institute; Amit Leshem, Van Leer Institute; Nazmi Al-Jubeh, Head of Riwaq, Ramallah; Avishai Margalit, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Rafiq Husseini, Welfare Association, Jerusalem; Michèle Auga, Resident Representative, Frederich Ebert Stiftung, Jerusalem; Albert Aghazarian, Free Lance Lecturer, Consultant; Rivka Feldhay, Lecturer at the Tel Aviv University and the Van Leer Institute; Dan Diner, Professor, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Elise Aghazarian, Researcher, PASSIA; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA.
7 August 2003. PASSIA, Ramallah

Reform Plans and Programs in Palestine
Presentation by: Basel Jaber, Palestinian Reform Coordination and Technical Support Unit
Participant(s): Salem Ajlouni, Economist & Consultant; Khaled Islah, Researcher; Basel Jaber, Palestinian Reform Coordination & Technical Support Unit; Bassam Abdul Rahman, Liaison Officer; Lubna Hammad, Legal Consultant, Unicef; Faisal Awartani, Lecturer, Birzeit University.

14 August 2003. PASSIA, Ramallah

Education and Political Culture of Palestine - Past and Present
Speaker: Prof. Dr. Thomas M. Ricks, Specialist/Consultant International and Middle East Studies, Visiting Professor, Birzeit University
Participant(s): Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA; Saïda Affouneh, Director of Planning Department at Al-Quds Open University; Anas Alaili, Editor Educational Magazine, Qattan; Ziad Khalaf, Executive Director, Qattan Foundation; Silvia Xillo, Researcher in Intercultural Studies; Faisal Awartani, Professor of Statistics, Birzeit University; Bassam Abdul Rahim, Liaison Officer, Local Aid Coordination Committee Secretariat; Jose Ferreira de Forseca, Representative Office of Portugal, Al-Bireh; Muzna Shihabi, Birzeit University; Miriam Levin, Visiting Student; Jay Ross, Visiting Student.

17 September 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

The Crises in the Palestinian-Israeli Peace Process
Organized by: Group of the German Federal Agency for Civic Education.
Speaker: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA
The Road Map for a Two-State Solution!

Speaker: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA

Participant(s): Delegation from the Royal College of Defence Studies (RCDS), London, UK: Rear Admiral Roger G. Lockwood; Capt. Andrew AL. McFarlane; Mr. Stephen T. Cochrane; Col. David StJ. Homer; ACP. KC John Lee; Mrs. Raduta D. Matache; Brig. Paul R. Newton; Capt. Lo ïc L-N Raffaëlli; Mr. Kiyoshi Serizawa; Gp. Capt. Dai L. Whittingham; Col. Dangnai N. Yao; Wg. Cdr. Eddie ASC Culbert.

Political Elites in Palestine & Democracy: Preliminary Reading

Speaker(s): Dr. Ayman Yousef, Birzeit University

Participant(s): Wafa’ Abdul Rahman, Miftah; Ahmed Badawi, SWP, Berlin; Badia’ Abu Ar-Rub, Lecturer; Lily Habash, Consultant; Abdul Rahman M. Mughrabi, Al-Quds University; Diab Jarrar, Al-Quds University; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA; Areej Al-Yousef, PASSIA.
Bi-Nationalism

Speaker(s): Meron Benvenisti, Historian
Participant(s): Terry Bullata, Head, Board of Trustees Women’s Studies Center & New Generation School; Avishai Margalit, Professor, Hebrew University; Manuel Hassassian, Executive Vice-President, Bethlehem University; Father Rafiq Houry, Latin Patriarchate; Sami Abu Dayeh, Businessman; Amit Leshem, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem; Itzhaq Galnoor, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem; Diana Buttu, Legal Advisor, PLO Negotiation Support Unit; Hanlie Booysen, Deputy Representative, South Africa Representative Office, Ramallah; Nora Carmi, Coordinator, Women’s Program, Sabeel, Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, Jerusalem; Ahmed Ghneim, Member of Fateh Higher Committee; Samir Huleileh, Sales and Marketing Manager, Nassar Investment Company, Bethlehem; Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA, Jerusalem; Nick Kardahji, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

The Negotiations in South Africa – Lessons for Palestine

Speaker(s): Dr. Greg Mills, National Director of the South Africa Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), Johannesburg, South Africa
Participant(s): Marwan Barakat, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics; Rowan Al-Faqih, Birzeit University; Nizar Farsakh, Amal Hussein, Negotiation Support Unit; Nasser Qatami, Council of Young Leaders; Wafa’ Abdul Rahman, MIFTAH; Niall Holohan, Irish Representative Office; Holger Tillmann, German Representative Office; Samer Salameh, Council of Young Leaders; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA; Hijazi Natsheh, Areej Al-Yousef, Nick Kardahji, PASSIA.
Briefings

3 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic(s): The Road Map: Palestinian Perspective
Participant(s): Nader Al-A’aser, Consul, Egyptian Embassy, Tel Aviv

4 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic(s): Palestinian Refugees: Palestinian Priorities, Conditions & Demands
Participant(s): Mr. Rami Khouri, Chief Editor, Daily Star Newspaper, Beirut, Amman

7 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic(s): Palestinian Refugees: Towards a Possible Settlement
Participant(s): Rami Khouri, Chief Editor, Daily Star Newspaper, Beirut, Amman

10 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic(s): Dutch-Palestinian Relations
Participant(s): Geert Wilders, Member of Parliament, Liberal Party for Freedom and Democracy, Netherlands; Rob Decker, Second Secretary at the Representative Office of the Netherlands to the Palestinian Authority, Ramallah

11 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic(s): Israeli Decisions to Close Universities and Colleges in the Occupied Palestinian Territories
Participant(s): Nader Al-A’aser, Egyptian Consul, Tel Aviv

14 January 2003, Working Dinner, Jerusalem
Topic(s): Changing Borders: Palestine, Israel and the Future Scenarios
Participant(s): Conny Meyers, State Department, Washington DC; Adnan Husseini, Director of Islamic Waqf, Jerusalem; Dr. Thomas Neu, Rep. ANERA, Jerusalem

15 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic(s): USAID Cooperation
Participant(s): Scott Nicholas, USAID, Cairo Office

16 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic(s): Fateh-Hamas Dialogue in Cairo
Participant(s): Isabel Kershner, The Jerusalem Report Magazine, Jerusalem

16 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic(s): Academic Cooperation between South African Institutions and PASSIA
Participant(s): Mohamed Rafique Gangat, Representative of South Africa, Ramallah; Hanlie Booysen, Deputy Representative, South African Representative Office, Ramallah

16 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic(s): Security and Civil Society Issues
Participant(s): Fayaz Manji, Program Officer at the Peace-Building and Human Security Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Canada; Alistair Wallbaum, Political Affairs Officer, Canadian Representative Office, Ramallah.
17 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Women’s Role in Empowering Civil Society in Time of Crisis
**Participant(s):** Maha Muna, Program Specialist, Governance, Peace and Security Program, UNIFEM, New York; Alia Al-Yasir, UNIFEM Consultant, Jerusalem; Sawsan Baghdadi, Project Manager, Sustainable Human Development, UNDP, Jerusalem.

18 January 2003, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Changing Borders: Palestine, Israeli and the Future Scenarios.
**Participant(s):** Conny Meyers, US State Department; Dr. Thomas New, Rep. ANERA.

19 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Assessment of the First World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies in Mainz, Germany (8- 13 September 2002)
**Participant(s):** Kirsten Maas, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Ramallah

20 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** FES Cooperation
**Participant(s):** Hajo Lanz, Desk Officer for Palestine, FES Bonn; Michele Auga, Director FES Jerusalem; Felix Eikenberg, Project Coordinator, FES Jerusalem.

21 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** The Intifada and Israeli Re-Occupation of the Palestinian Territories
**Participant(s):** Christopher Stevens, US Political Section Chief, US Consulate, Jerusalem.

22 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** The Road Map and Russia’s Role
**Participant(s):** Oleg B. Ozerov, Head of the Middle East Peace Process Desk, Middle East and North Africa Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Moscow

24 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** The Agenda of the Palestinian Factions’ Meeting in Cairo
**Participant(s):** Dr. Andreas Reinicke, Head, Representative Office of the Federal Republic of Germany, Ramallah

27 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Palestinian Civil Society Since 1967
**Participant(s):** Professor Asher Susser, Director, Dayyan Center, Tel Aviv University; Ephraim Lavy, PhD Candidate

29 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Palestinian Factions’ Meeting in Cairo and the Israeli Elections
**Participant(s):** Dr. Marin Albu, Head, Romanian Representative Office to the PA, Ramallah

31 January 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** The Israeli Elections and their Impact on Palestinians
**Participant(s):** Donald Macintyre, Chief Political Commentator, the Independent, London

4 February 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** ISBN for Palestinian Publications
**Participant(s):** Dr. Mohammed Dajani, PECDAR
5 February, 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Palestinians After the Israeli Elections  
**Participant(s):** Philip Wilcox, President, Foundation for Middle East Peace, Washington DC

8 February, 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic(s):** Bedouins in the Negev / Problems facing Palestinian Children  
**Participant(s):** Dr. Hassan Abu Sa‘d, Head of the Educational Department, Hind Al- Husseini College, Jerusalem; Dr. Shehdeh Jabour, Head of Social Services Department, Ar‘ara Local Village Council, Negev

18 February 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic(s):** Impact of the Iraqi Crisis on Palestinians  
**Participant(s):** Leonhard Moll, Head, Austrian Representative Office; Huge Lerider, Austrian Military Attaché, Ankara.

18 February 2003, Consul General Residence, Jerusalem  
**Topic(s):** Humanitarian Aid for the Palestinian Civil Society in Times of Crisis  
**Participant(s):** Göran Berg, Swedish Consul General, Jerusalem; Head of Middle East Desk in the Swedish Foreign Ministry, Stockholm

20 February 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic(s):** Berlin and Paris vis-à-vis the Arab World and the Iraqi Crisis  
**Participant(s):** Michael Baumann, Counselor, German Embassy, Tel Aviv

24 February 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic(s):** The Issue of a Palestinian Prime Minister  
**Participant(s):** Joumana Abu Zayyad-Jaouni, Political Officer, British Consulate

5 March 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic(s):** Library Issues  
**Participant(s):** Sarah Ewan, Director, British Council

5 March 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic(s):** Periodicals, Publications and US Lecturers  
**Participant(s):** Chuck Hunter, US Consulate; Susan Nammari, US Consulate, Jerusalem

12 March 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic(s):** Palestinian Prime Minister  
**Participant(s):** Afif Safieh, Head, Palestinian General Delegation in London and the Vatican

18 March 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic(s):** Palestinian Prime Minister  
**Participant(s):** Atilio N. Molteni, Ambassador of the Argentine Republic

20 March 2003, Working Lunch, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem  
**Topic(s):** The Palestinian Prime Minister’s Mission  
**Participant(s):** Larry Garber, Director, USAID Mission

29 March 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic(s):** Humanitarian Aid in Palestine  
**Participant(s):** Rene C. Aquarone, Chief of Cabinet, UNRWA, Gaza
2 April 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic(s):** The Palestinian Prime Minister’s Mission  
*Participant(s):* Emmanuelle De Foy, Belgian Deputy Consul

4 April 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic(s):** Impact of the War on Iraq on the Palestinians  
*Participant(s):* Andreas Reinicke, German Representative Office

5 April 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic(s):** The War on Iraq and the Palestinians  
*Participant(s):* Doug Hostetter, Senior Middle East Correspondent, Communications Department, American Friends Committee

10 April 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic(s):** Civil Society Programs in Palestine  
*Participant(s):* Rima Ghandour, USAID

12 April 2003, Jerusalem Center for Women (JCW), Jerusalem

**Topic(s):** The Future of Palestinian Diplomats  
*Lecture by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi*

*Participant(s):* A Group of Young Palestinians Taking a Training Course at JCW.

12 April 2003, Working Lunch, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic(s):** The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict in the Aftermath of the War on Iraq  
*Participant(s):* Mohammed Rafique Gangat, South African Representative; Maysoun Odeh, South African Representative Office

13 April 2003, PASSIA, Ramallah

**Topic(s):** The Relationship between Civil Society and the Private Sector in Palestine and the Path of Democracy Enhancement  
*Participant(s):* Professor Lisa Taraki, Sociology Department, Birzeit University; Mrs. and Mr. Iyad Masrouji, Managing Director, Masrouji Trading Company, Ramallah; Khadijeh H. Abu Ali, Freelancer, Researcher on Women Issues, General Union of Palestinian Women, Ramallah, Elise Aghazarian, Project Coordinator, PASSIA

16 April 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic(s):** The Palestinian Prime Minister’s Mission  
*Participant(s):* Takeshi Okubo, Head, Palestinian Affairs Section, Japanese Embassy, Tel Aviv

16 April 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic(s):** The Palestinian Prime Minister  
*Participant(s):* Hanlie Booysen, Deputy Representative, South African Representative Office, Ramallah; Chris Mohale, Counselor, South African Representative Office, Ramallah

24 April 2003, PASSIA, Ramallah

**Topic(s):** The Visit of the Japanese Foreign Minister  
*Participant(s):* Takeshi Okubo, Head, Palestinian Affairs Section, Japanese Embassy, Tel Aviv

29 April 2003, Working Dinner, American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem

**Topic(s):** The Road Map  
*Participant(s):* Massimo d’Alema, President of the Democrats of the Left Party; Luciano Vacchi, Deputy Head, Foreign Relations, Democrats of the Left Party; Gianni Ghisi, Italian Consul General
1 May 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** The Road Map  
**Participant(s):** Takeshi Okubo, Head, Palestinian Affairs Section, Japanese Embassy

6 May 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic(s):** The Road Map  
**Participant(s):** László Fehérvári, Hungarian Representative

20 May 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic(s):** PASSIA Research  
**Participant(s):** Tetsuya Mizutani, Representative Office of the Government of Japan in Gaza

26 May 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic(s):** The Visit of the Swedish Prime Minister  
**Participant(s):** Göran Berg, Consul General of Sweden

27 May 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic(s):** The Road Map  
**Participant(s):** Takeshi Okubo, Head, Palestinian Affairs Section, Japanese Embassy

3 June 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic(s):** Private Sector and Civil Society  
**Participant(s):** Dr. Andreas Reinicke, Head, Representative office of the Federal Republic of Germany, Ramallah

3 June 2003. Working Lunch, Christmas Hotel, Jerusalem  
**Topic(s):** The Road Map  
**Participant(s):** Larry Garber, USAID Mission, Tel Aviv

14 June 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem  
**Topic(s):** Palestine, the Road Map and Jerusalem within the Current Situation
Participant(s): Peter Janssen, Retired Pastor, Belgium; Tina Blomquist, Swedish Theological Institute, Jerusalem; Håkan Bengtsson, Lecturer, Uppsala University, Sweden; Hendrik Broer, Minister, Protestant Church, the Netherlands; Peter Loov, Pastor, Church of Sweden; Bathos, Lieba Klooster, the Netherlands; Marieke den Hartog; Liaison Officer, Jewish-Christian Relations, Protestant Churches, the Netherlands; Wout van der Spek, Minister, the Netherlands; Peter Tomson, Faculty of Protestant Theology, Brussels; Japke van Malde, Teacher, University of Education, the Netherlands; Douwe van der Sluis, COME organization, the Netherlands; Egbert van Veldhuizen, Reverend, the Netherlands; J.C. van Dongen, Minister, Dutch Reformist Church, the Netherlands; J.M. Demarque, Minister and Synodal Counselor of the United Protestant Church of Belgium; A.J. Barnas, Roman Catholic Clergyman, publisher, Belgium

16 June 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Introduction to the Work of PASSIA
**Participant(s):** Jean Jacques Juris, Representative of Switzerland to the PA. Ramallah

23 June 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** NGOs and Democratization Issues
**Participant(s):** Lara Saade, External Affairs & Outreach – Middle East North Africa, The World Bank

7 July 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Civil Society and Democracy
**Participant(s):** Rana Taha, WSP International, Geneva

9 July 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Palestinian Documentation
**Participant(s):** Mark Dennis, Senior Media Advisor, UNSCO, Jerusalem.

16 July 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Palestinian Leadership Crisis
**Participant(s):** Takeshi Okubo, Head, Representative Office of Japan, Gaza

23 July 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Palestinian Reform Politics
**Participant(s):** Hanlie Booysen, South African Representative Office, Ramallah

26 July 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Refugee Issues
**Participant(s):** Mathias H.T. Burchard, Chief, UNRWA Liaison Office in Geneva

4 August 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Palestinian Civil Society and the Quartet
**Participant(s):** Dr. Jonas Jölle, Senior Executive Officer, Political Affairs, Norwegian Representative Office, Ramallah; Kristin Enstad, Norwegian Representative Office, Ramallah

5 August 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Shas Party and the Question of Religion and State
**Participant(s):** MK Ilan Leibovitch, Member, Foreign Affairs & Security Committee, The Knesset, Jerusalem; Gary Sussman, Researcher
8 August 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** The Dynamics of Palestinian Civil Society and the Road Map
**Participant(s):** Dr. Andreas Reinicke, Head of German Representative Office, Ramallah

13 August 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Palestinian Civil Society and Current Security Issues
**Participant(s):** Hanlie Booyse, South African Representative Office, Ramallah

16 August 2003, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** UNRWA Mission and the Palestinian Reform Agenda
**Participant(s):** Rene Aquarone, Chief of Cabinet, UNRWA, Gaza

16 August 2003, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** The US, the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict and the Road Map
**Participant(s):** Jan Schakowsky, Congresswoman, 9th District of Illinois, North Chicago and Northern Suburb; Michael C. Kotzin, Executive Vice President, Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago; three personalities accompanying the Congresswoman

27 August 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Crisis of Palestinian Leadership
**Participant(s):** Karin Roxman, Swedish Foreign Ministry; Göran Berg, Swedish Consul General, Jerusalem

31 August 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** The Road Map
**Participant(s):** John Tory, Toronto Mayoral Candidate; Hershell Ezrin, Canadian Businessman; Steve Hibbard, Head, Canadian Representative Office, Ramallah

3 September 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Israeli Occupation and the Road Map
**Participant(s):** Jan Henderson, Ambassador, New Zealand Embassy, Ankara

4 September 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Understanding the Palestinian Crises
**Participant(s):** Karim Palant, Labour Student National Chair; James Lloyd, National Union of Students Executive; Carli Harper-Penman, National Union of Students; Kirsten Jongberg, President of the Guild of Students, Birmingham University; Bob Inder Singh, British Organization of Sikh Students; Rami Okasha, Labour Students; Luciana Berger, Union of Jewish Students; Sam Dobbyn, Conservative Future UK; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA.

10 September 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Palestinian-Israeli Security Issues and the Hudna
**Participant(s):** Daniel Pregl, Colonel, Austrian Defense Attaché, Austrian Embassy, Ankara

17 September 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic:** The Making of a Palestinian Government
**Participant(s):** Takeshi Okubo, Head, Representative Office of Japan, Gaza.
30 September 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
*Topic(s):* The Government of Ahmad Qrei’a (Abu Ala’) and the Road Map  
*Participant(s):* Laszlo Fehervari, Head, Hungarian Representative Office, Ramallah

1 October 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
*Topic(s):* The Trial of Marwan Al-Barghouthi  
*Participant(s):* Hanlie Booysen, Deputy Representative, South African Representative Office, Ramallah; Chris Mohale, Counselor, South African Representative Office, Ramallah

3 October 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
*Topic(s):* The Current Situation in Palestine  
*Participant(s):* Andrea Nahles, Member of the Board of the Social Democratic Party in Germany (SPD); Rainer Zimmer-Winkel, Center for Encounters and Communication Honoring the Heritage of Willy Brandt, Jerusalem; Michéle Auga, Resident Representative Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Jerusalem; Elisabeth Peterson, Project Coordinator Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Jerusalem

8 October 2003, Working Dinner, Pasha’s Restaurant, Jerusalem
*Topic(s):* The Wall, Israeli Settlements and the Future of the Conflict  
*Participant(s):* Gerald Kaufman, MP (Labor), UK; John Jenkins, British Consul General, Jerusalem

16 October 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
*Topic(s):* The Geneva Document  
*Participant(s):* Matthias Finken, Counselor, Political Affairs, Embassy of Germany, Tel Aviv

3 November 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
*Topic(s):* Identity and Leadership  
*Participant(s):* Chuck Hunter, Consul for Press and Cultural Affairs, US Consulate, Jerusalem

4 November 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
*Topic(s):* Municipal Elections in Palestine  
*Participant(s):* Larry Garber, Mission Director, USAID West Bank & Gaza Mission, Tel Aviv

7 November 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
*Topic(s):* Political and Municipal Elections in Palestine  
*Participant(s):* Dr. Gökhan Centinsaya, Associate Professor, Istanbul Technical University, Turkey; Cagri Sakar, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Turkey, Jerusalem

8 November 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
*Topic(s):* Canada’s Development Assistance  
*Participant(s):* Mark E. Baily, Director General, Middle East and North Africa (GMD), Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa; Steve Hibbard, Head Canadian Representative Office, Ramallah

11 November 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
*Topic(s):* The New PA Government  
*Participant(s):* Chris Rampling, Political Officer, British Consulate, Jerusalem
23 November 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** The Viability of the Two-State-Solution
**Participant(s):** Steven Hibbard, Head, Canadian Representative Office; Canadian Journalists from Quebec: Claude Hamel, Reporter for Reseau de l'information; Jonathan Trudel, Reporter for the Bi-Monthly Magazine L'actualite; Sophie Thibault, Editor of a Free Weekly Newspaper, ICI; Serge Truffaut, Editoralist for Le Devoir; Philippe Elharrar, Director of Public Affairs, Quebec Israel Committee

30 November 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** German Organizations & the Current Crisis in the Middle East
**Participant(s):** Christian Hanelt, Annette Heuser, Bertelsmann Foundation, Brussels-Gutersloh.

2 December 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Recent Palestinian-Israeli Meetings in Madrid, London and Geneva
**Participant(s):** David Pregel, Colonel, Austrian Defense Attaché, Austrian Embassy, Ankara

2 December 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** The Geneva Accords
**Participant(s):** Anne Mowe, Councilor, Political Affairs, Swedish Consulate General, Jerusalem

3 December 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** The Geneva Accords
**Participant(s):** Matthias Finken, Counselor, Political Affairs, Embassy of Germany, Tel Aviv

15 December 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** The Culture of Political & Security Issues in Palestine
**Participant(s):** Fayaz Manji, Program Officer, Peace Building & Human Security Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Canada; Charlotte Garay, Special Projects - West Bank & Gaza and Israel, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Canada; Alistair Wallbaum, Political Officer, Representative Office of Canada, Ramallah

16 December 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** Introduction to PASSIA's Vision & Mission
**Participant(s):** Frans Potuyt, Head, Representative Office, Kingdom of Netherlands, Ramallah

16 December 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** The Israeli Government’s Unilateral Redeployment
**Participant(s):** Göan Berg, Swedish Consul General, Jerusalem

24 December 2003, PASSIA, Jerusalem
**Topic(s):** The Herzliya Conference 2003
**Participant(s):** Takeshi Okubo, Head, Palestinian Affairs Section, Japanese Embassy.
Forum
See also under Jerusalem and under Religious Studies Unit.

20 June 2003, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem
The Road Map – Where to?
Speaker: Dr. Sa’eb Erekat, Member of the Palestinian Legislative Council (Jericho), former PLO Chief Negotiator
Moderator: Albert Aghazarian, Historian, Lecturer, & Consultant, Jerusalem
Participants: An audience of approximately 70 people

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