

## 4. JERUSALEM

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.

### **MEETINGS ON JERUSALEM**

(See also the *Religious Studies Unit* chapter for meetings focusing on religious aspects)

#### **2 0 0 8**

5 February 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Jerusalem "Wathika" Statement of January 2008**

**Participant(s):** Thomas Duffy, Deputy Principal Officer, US Consulate; Stephen O'Dowd, Economic Consultant, US Consulate; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway; Sheikh Jamil Hamami; Mazen Sinokrot, CEO Sinokrot Group; Morgan Hargrave (PASSIA intern).

7 February, 2008, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Jerusalem Old City Initiative**

**Participant(s):** Michael Dumper, Professor of Middle East Politics, University of Exeter.

5 March 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** Archbishop Theodosios Atallah Hanna of Sebastia, Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

27 March 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Russian Influence on Jerusalem Culture**

Participant(s): Prof. Ibrahim Sha'ban, Lecturer, Al-Quds University, Faculty of Law; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Prof. of Philosophy and Islamic Studies, Al-Quds University; Paul Rassadin, Attaché, Representative Office of the Russian Federation to the Palestinian Authority; Michael Sadleir, PASSIA Researcher.

2 April 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Inter-Communal Relations in Jerusalem: Relief Organizations during World War I**

Speaker: Abigail Jacobson, Department of Middle East and African Studies, Tel Aviv University and Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya

Participant(s): Dr. Arafat Hidmi, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Makassed Charitable Islamic Society; Fouad Dakkak, Engineer; Khalil Assali, Journalist, Radio Sawa.

2 April 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Culture**

Participant(s): Dr. Yuri Stoyanov, Director, Kenyon Institute; Dr. Mahmoud Hawari, University of Oxford.

3 May 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem and the Arab World**

Participant(s): Dr. Professor Abed Al-Kabeer Al-Alwi Al-Mudagheree, Director of Bayt Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif Agency, Rabat; Mohammad Halayka, Assistant.

4 June 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem's Old City Initiative**

Participant(s): John Bell, Toledo International Center; Crystal Ennis, University of Windsor; Mick Dumper, University of Exeter; Michael Bell, University of Windsor; Michael Molloy, University of Windsor, Marshall Breger, Catholic University of America.

16 July 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Sameh Nabil Said, Consul General, Arab Republic of Egypt - Embassy, Tel Aviv.

11 August 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Israeli Practices in the Old City of Jerusalem 2000-2008**

Participant(s): Qasem Khatib, Correspondent, MBC TV; Mark Mina, Cameraman, MBC TV, Ramallah.

25 August 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinians and Israeli Laws in Occupied Jerusalem**

Speaker(s): Lawyers: Elias Khouri, Mohammed Dahleh, Usama Halabi, Muna Sheikh Ahmad.

Participant(s): Mazen Sinokrot; Jamil Hamani; Mohammed Nusseibeh; Adnan Hussein;  
Fouad Dakkak; Afif Safieh; Nora Karmi; Varsen Aghabekian; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway;  
Dr. Mahdi Abdul-Hadi.

11 September 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Question of Jerusalem and the Peace Process**

Participant(s): Patrice Paoli, Director of Africa and Middle East Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris; Jean - Paul Ghoneim, Cultural Counselor, French Consulate, Jerusalem; Francois Penguilly, Deputy Consul General, French Consulate, Jerusalem.

15 September 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Sweden in Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Nils Eliasson, Consul General, Swedish Consulate, Jerusalem; Anna Brodin, Consul, Political Affairs, Swedish Consulate, Jerusalem.

22 September 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Negotiations**

Participant(s): Royce Kuzwayo, Deputy Representative, Representative Office of South Africa, Ramallah.

23 September 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Negotiations**

Participant(s): Luis Ramirez, Jerusalem Bureau Chief, Voice of America, Jerusalem.

11 November 2008, Ramallah

Topic: **The Question of Jerusalem from a Palestinian Perspective**

Organizer: Center for Continuing Education, Birzeit University.

12 November 2008, Jerusalem

Topic: **The New Jerusalem Mayor: Reflecting the City's Schism**

Participant(s): Linda Gradstein, Correspondent, National Public Radio (NPR).

## **2 0 0 9**

27 March 2009, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem, Capital of Arab Culture 2009**

Participant(s): Sami Haddad, Al-Jazeera TV; Hafez Al-Karmi, Director, Mayfair Islamic Centre; Sa'eb Iriqat, Chief Palestinian Negotiator.

2 April 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Mark Bell, Palestine Desk; Raman Chettiar, Parliament and Human Rights Officer; Gaven Vassey, Officer in Middle East Peace Process; Jumana Jaouoni, Political Officer, British Consulate General, Jerusalem.

14 April 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Kyler Kronmiller, Political Officer, US Consulate, Jerusalem.

19 May 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Old City**

Participant(s): Mike Molloy; John Bell; Ian Anderson, University of Ottawa.

28 May 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Israelization of Jerusalem: Where to?**

Participant(s): Shereen Abu Aqleh, Correspondent, Al-Jazeera TV.

8 October 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Political Briefing on Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Kwak, Sam Ju, First Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Korea; Sang Yoon Park, Head, Representative, Korean Representative Office to the PA; HE Sameh Nabil Said, Consul General, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Tel Aviv.

22 October 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **On Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Naofumi Hashimoto, Representative Office of Japan to the PA, Ramallah.

26 October 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **On Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Nadav Cohen.

26 October 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **On Jerusalem**

Participant(s): *Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Delegation - Korea:* Kwang-Hyun Koh, Research Fellow; Nam-sik In, Ph.D., Associate Professor; Seonjou Kang, Ph.D., Geung Chan Bae, Dean of Research, Ph.D.

2 November 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **On Jerusalem**

Participant(s): *Consulate General of Belgium in Jerusalem:* Karel Van Hecke, Consul (Political Affairs); Geert Cockx, Consul General.

9 December 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The EU & Jerusalem, Obama & the Nobel Peace Prize**

Participant(s): Sidsel Wold, Middle East Correspondent, Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation.

## **WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES**

(For conferences not organized and hosted by PASSIA, please see chapter on ***Conferences and Workshops***)

### **2 0 0 8**

21 February, 2008, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **The West Jerusalem Municipality's Projects on Planning and Organization in East Jerusalem Neighborhoods**

**Speaker:** Eng. Senan Abdel Qader.

**Participant(s):** Elias Khoury, Architect; Jamal Ghoseh, Director, Palestinian National Theatre; Maysa Gayyusi, Info. Assistant; Suleiman Ghosheh, Doctor; Fouad Dakkak, Engineer; Fouad Hallak, Advisor, NSU; Asem Ababneh, Politic Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Basem Masry, Al-Quds 2009; Hasan Abu E'saileh, Cities Scheme; Ashraf Khatib, NSU; Abed Abu Diab; Ibrahim Al-Joulani, Businessman; Shereen Hussein, Architect; Hisham Shkoukani, Deputy Assistant, PECDAR; Khalil Tofakji, Director, Arab Studies Society; Ahmad Abu Hussein, Architect; Naela Judeh, PECDAR; Mazen Sinokrot, CEO Sinokrot Group; Nabil Hammoudeh; Nabil Jawad; Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Ahmad Al-Louzi, Land Surveyor; Ahmad Rwaidy, President Office; Jaad Qadamani, Lawyer; Suhad Saadi, Engineer; Azzam Abu Sa'oud, Director, Jerusalem Arab Chamber of Commerce, Industry; Wassim Khazmo, NSU; Abed Amaari, Engineer; Mua'z Din-Nashashibi, Engineer; Hatem Abdul Qader; Adnan Hussein, Architect; Huda Imam, Head, Jerusalem Studies Center; Raed Anabtawe, Engineer; Ahmad Nashashibi, Architect; Dr. Mohammad Shtayyeh, PECDAR; Dr. Hani Abdeen, Al-Quds University; Azmi Bishara, Legal Advisor, NSU; Mohammad Mustafa, Palestinian Investment Fund; Sheikh Azzam Al-Khatib, Dir. Gen, Islamic Waqf Offices; Yaser Abed Rabu; Terry Boullata, NPO/SDC; Ali Barakat, Cities Scheme; Adnan Abdul Raziq, Retired.

28 February, 2008, Al-Hakawati Theater, Jerusalem

**Topic:** ***Jerusalem... The East Side Story* – Screening and Panel Discussion with prominent Palestinian and Israeli speakers**

Jerusalem Premiere of *Jerusalem... The East Side Story*, a 57-min. documentary directed by Mohammed Alatar, jointly organized with The Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees (PARC) and Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center. The film exposes 40 years of Israeli occupation policies in Jerusalem and their devastating impact on the city and its peoples.

**Participant(s):** An audience of over 200 viewers.

12 November 2008, Ritz Hotel, Jerusalem

**Topic: Cultural Footprints, Germany in Jerusalem: Buildings and People; Sweden in Jerusalem - Jerusalem in Sweden: 700 Years of Interaction**

**Speaker(s):** Dr. Bernd Isphording, German Historian; Mia Gröndahl, Swedish Journalist, Photographer and Writer.

**Participant(s):** Vedat Gul, Vice Consul, Turkish Consulate; Ercan Ozer, Turkish Ambassador; Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Khalid Al-Khatib, Engineer; Gudrun Isphording, Deputy Representative, German Rep. Office Ramallah; Nazmi Al-Jou'beh, Co-Director, Al-Riwaq Association; Khalil Assali, Director, Al-Quds Educational TV; Anna Eggelind, Program Manager, Diakonia; Khalida Ghosheh, Hatoun Magazine; Edger Motsis, Diplomat; Terry Bullata, National Program Officer, Swiss Development Cooperation; Nils Eliasson, Consul General, Swedish Consulate; Royce Kuzwayo, Deputy Representative, Representative Office of South Africa; Karin Roxman, Swedish Ambassador; Ana Coelho, Portuguese Deputy Representative; Sami Abu-Dayyeh, Kerim Balci, Turkish Journalist; Amin Habbas; Abed Abu-Diab; Maureen Grimshaw; Albert Aghazarian; Yacoub Farrah.

25 November 2008, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

**Topic: Turkish Signatures in Jerusalem: Names & Places**

**Speaker(s):** Kerim Balci, Turkish Journalist, Ankara Representative of Today's Zaman, PhD Candidate, Durham University, UK.

**Participant(s):** Vedat Gul, Vice Consul, Turkish Consulate; Ercan Ozer, Turkish Ambassador; Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Khalil Assali, Director, Al-Quds Educational TV; Albert Aghazarian; Dr. Bernd Isphording, German Historian; Amit Leshem, Van Leer Institute; Salah Zuheika, Fateh; Nils Eliasson, Consul General, Swedish Consulate; Thu Al-Kifl Bakri; Dr. Basem Abu Assab; et al.

## **2 0 0 9**

11 June 2009, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

**Topic: Meeting with Civil Society in Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** The Delegation of Members of the EU National Parliaments, Czech Republic: Miloslav Vlcek, Chairman of the Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of the Czech Republic; Ivan Prikryl, Chief of Staff of the Chairman of the Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of the Czech Republic; Petr Kynstetr, Chancellor of the Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of the Czech Republic; Jan Kavan, Foreign Policy Advisor to the Chairman of the Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of the Czech Republic, Former Foreign Minister and President of the UN General Assembly; Vladimir Lastuvka, Advisor to the Chairman of the Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of the Czech Republic, Former Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee; Karel Simana, Advisor to the Chairman of the Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of the Czech Republic; Helena Opolecka, Advisor to the Chairman of the Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of the Czech Republic, Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs; Luisa Morgantini, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Italy; Petar Beron, Vice-Chairman of the Parliament, Bulgaria; Averof

Neophytou, Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Parliament of Cyprus; Gert Weisskirchen, Vice-Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Parliament of Germany (Bundestag); Andreas Loverdos, Member of the Parliament, Greece, Foreign Affairs Committee, Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, PASOK, Greece; Vaira Peagle, Parliament of Latvia, President of the Foreign Affairs Committee; Michael Frendo, Parliament of Malta, Chairman of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs; Martijn Van Dam, Member of Foreign Affairs Committee, Parliament of Netherlands; Bogdan Borusewicz, President of the Senate of the Republic of Poland; Anna Zielinska-Glebocka, Member of the Parliament, Poland (SEJM), Member of EMPA; Witold Smidowski, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland; Leszek Biera, Chancellery of the Senate of Poland; Fernando Negro, Member of the Parliament of Portugal, Member of the EMPA Portuguese Group; Juraj Horvath, Parliament of the Slovak Republic, Foreign Affairs Committee; Abdullah Abdullah, EMPA Representative, Palestine; Zeynep Dagi, Deputy of Ankara, Head of EMPA Turkish Group; Abdullah Caliskan, Deputy of Kersehir, Turkey; Akif Akkus, Deputy of Mersin, Turkey.

23 June 2009, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

**Topic: Planning and Zoning in Jerusalem – Israeli vs. Palestinian Reading**

**Speakers:** Sinan Abdul Qader; Yousef Jabareen.

**Participant(s):** Mazen Sinokrot, CEO Sinokrot Group; Ahmad Zugaiar, Chairman, Federation of CET Industry; Azzam Abu-Saud, Director, Jerusalem Arab Chamber of Commerce; Ehab Dweik, Architect; Darweesh Suleiman Hijazi, Civil Engineer; Samir Kirrish, Mech. Engineer; Ziad Zughayar, Architect; Ibrahim A. Younan, Architect; Muezz Nashashibi, Civil Engineer; Hani Abu Diab, Architect; Samer Nusseibeh, Engineer; Usama Halabi, Lawyer; Adel Ruished, Al-Quds University; Hani Abdeen, Al-Quds University; Jawad Naji, Advisor; Samih Abid, PIF; Khaled Abu-Arafah, Businessman; Ibrahim H. Al-Joulani, Private Sector Real Estate Agent; Mohsen Ghosheh, Engineer; Areej Daibas, Sector Coordinator Jerusalem Unit; Mohammed Nuseibeh, Higher Islamic Council; Mazen Nuseibeh, Teacher; Ahmad Siam; Khaled Qawasmeh, Minister of Local Government (PA).

15 Dec 2009, American Colony Hotel, Pasha Room, Jerusalem

**Topic: Launching of the new Book of Mia Gröndahl: *To Jerusalem - In the Steps of Eight Swedes and a Finn.***

**Organizer:** PASSIA

**Participant(s):** An audience of some 50

## **SEMINAR**

As part of its activities on the occasion of “Al-Quds – Capital of Arab Culture 2009”, PASSIA organized and implemented an intensive three-day **seminar on Jerusalem**, which targeted an audience of young educators, professionals and activists with a need and desire to gain a profound background and knowledge in the issues that make up the “Jerusalem Question”.

The training program incorporated introductory material, lectures, discussions, and case studies related to the Jerusalem’s history, society, and politics, including examination of issues such as the peace process/negotiations, religious significances, the legal situation of the Palestinians in the city, etc.

The seminar was organized as follows:

(a) *Application and Selection of Participants.* Six to eight weeks before the actual training seminar took place, it was advertised in the local press. Application forms were available at PASSIA and candidates had two or three weeks to apply. A shortlist of applicants was then invited for interviews, which were – in line with PASSIA’s policy - conducted by an external examiner who also selected the participants.

(b) *Acceptance.* Upon selection, participants were required to state their and their employee’s acceptance of the placement in writing. Once the form was returned signed to PASSIA, the participant received preparatory reading material gathered by the PASSIA Project Team in coordination with trainers and lecturers, with the aim to familiarize him/herself with the basic course subjects.

(c) *Intensive Training Seminar.* Trainees then attended a three-day training course conducted by local experts. Where available or needed, they were given additional study material and examined relevant case studies.

The program of the seminar, which took place from 12-14 December 2009 at the Ambassador Hotel in Jerusalem, was as follows:

#### Lecture Program

<b>DAY ONE: Saturday, 12 December 2009</b>
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9.00-9.20 Welcoming Address / Opening Remarks  
**Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi**, *Head of PASSIA, Jerusalem*

#### **History**

9.20-10.00 Jerusalem History before 1967  
**Dr. Nazmi Jubeh**, *Co-Director, Riwaq, Centre for Architectural Conservation and a lecturer in the Department of History, Birzeit University and al-Quds University*



10.00-10.45 Jerusalem History after 1967  
**Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi**, *Head of PASSIA, Jerusalem*

10.45-11.00 Break

### Religion

11.00-12.30 Jerusalem in the Belief of:  
Jewish – **Dr. Yafid New Has**  
Christianity – **Rev. Mitri Raheb**, *President, Diyar Consortium*  
Islam – **Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway**, *Lecturer, Al-Quds University*

12.15-13:15 Lunch

### Law

13.15-14.00 Palestinians between the National Identity and the Rights of  
Citizenship,  
Residence, Work, Travel ...etc.  
**Osama Halabi**, *Lawyer*

14.00-15.00 The Palestinian Leadership in Jerusalem – Past and Present  
**Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi**, *Chairman of PASSIA*

## DAY TWO: Sunday, 13 December 2009

### Geography

9.15-10.15 Geopolitical Planning in Jerusalem, since 1967  
**Daniel Saidman**, *Lawyer*

10.15-11.15 Palestinian Planning and Organizing ... Reality and Challenges  
**Dr. Jamal Amer**

11.15-11.45 Break

### Culture

11.45-12.30 Poetry & Music – The Palestinian Case  
**Khaled Jubran**, *Director, Al-Urmawi Center for Mashreq Music-*  
*Palestine*

12.30-13.15 Painting & Theater – The Palestinian Case

**Sulieyman Mansour, Artist**

13.15-14.00 Customs & Traditions in Jerusalem  
**Dr. Ali Kleibo**

14.00-15.00 Lunch

**Politics**

15.00-16.00 Jerusalem & the Arabs  
**Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA**

<b>DAY THREE: Monday, 14 December 2009</b>
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**Negotiations**

9.15-10.15 Jerusalem and the Palestinian – Israeli Negotiation  
**Issa Keissiseh, General Director, Negotiations Affairs Department**  
**Fouad Hallak,**

**Economy**

10.15-11.00 The Economic and Touristic Situation in Jerusalem – Past & Present  
**Eng. Mazen Sinokrot, CEO Sinokrot Group**

11.00-11.15 Break

**International Politics**

11.15-12.00 Jerusalem and Vatican / Europe  
**Dr. Bernard Sabella, Executive Secretary, Middle East Council of Churches**  
*Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees*

12.00-13.00 Jerusalem and the United States  
A discussion of some political books and references

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.00 Roundtable: Visions of the Future  
**Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University**

15.00-16.00 Summarization & Revision

**Participants**

**Abdeen, Anas** (Jerusalem)

Coordinator of Database Project, Al-Maqdese for Society Development, Ar-Ram

**Abdel Haq, Aminah** (Jerusalem)

Legal Advisor, Community Action Center - Al-Quds University, Jerusalem

**Abu Asab, Yacub** (Jerusalem)

Sales Manager, Donya Al-Al'ab Company, Jerusalem

**Abu Al-Hawa, Rawan** (Jerusalem)

Teacher/ Guide, Israel Museum, Jerusalem

**Abu Leil, Wafa** (Jerusalem)

Architect, Tahboub for Engineering & Consulting, Ramallah

**Adileh, Ala'** (Jerusalem)

Field Researcher, Al-Maqdese for Society Development, Jerusalem

**As'ad, Bassam** (Jerusalem)

Legal Advisor, Al-Maqdese for Society Development, Jerusalem

**Asali, Ramzi** (Jerusalem)

Lecturer, Al-Quds University, Abu Dis

**Awajneh, Hosniyeh** (Jerusalem)

Social Worker – Project of Protecting Children who are Victims of Social Violence and Coordinator of the Group of Psychological Support, Young Men's Christian Association in Cooperation with UNICEF, Jericho

**Awwad, Ruba** (Jerusalem)

Architect & Urban Planner, PADICO Service Company, Jerusalem

**Bkeirat, Islam** (Jerusalem)**Al-Bustami, Murad** (Jerusalem)

Researcher, Democracy & Society Development Organization, Jerusalem

**Dweik, Hiba** (Jerusalem)

Teacher, Program of Children's Literature, Saraya Center for Community Service, Jerusalem

**E'weis, Ayda** (Jerusalem)

Teacher and Leader of Children's Literature Program, Saraya Center for Community Service, Jerusalem

**Al-Goul, Daoud** (Jerusalem)

Coordinator of Youth Program, Health Work Committees – Nidal Center,  
Ramallah

**Hamad, Marwan** (Jerusalem)

**Irikat, Raeda** (Jerusalem)

Head of Events Department, Directorate of Education, Jerusalem

**Al-Jabari, Samya** (Jerusalem)

Teacher, Al-Iman School for Girls, Jerusalem

**Jerjes, Basir** (Jerusalem)

**Al-Jubeh, Baha Eddin** (Jerusalem)

Director of Riwaq Historic Buildings and Archives Unit, Riwaq - Centre for  
Architectural Conservation, Ramallah

**Kerrish, Muhanad** (Jerusalem)

Teacher, Al-Iman High School for Boys, Jerusalem

**Al-Khatib, Akram** (Jerusalem)

Teacher, Al-Iman School for Boys, Jerusalem

**Mashal, Saed** (Jerusalem)

Teacher, Beit Safafa High School, Jerusalem

**Mashni, Ghaleb** (Jerusalem)

**Mushasha', Mira** (Jerusalem)

Architect, Dour for Engineering and Planning, Jerusalem

**Obeidat, Fatmeh** (Jerusalem)

Student, Bethlehem University

**Qaisi, Rana** (Jerusalem)

Field Supervisor, International Committee of the Red Cross, Jerusalem

**Sayyad, Lina** (Jerusalem)

Receptionist & Legal Advisor, Commodore Hotel, Jerusalem

**Sharawi, Rifat** (Jerusalem)

Sales Engineer, Schneider Electric, Netanya

**Siyaj, Areej** (Ramallah)

**Suwan, Khalil** (Jerusalem)

**Taha, Hakam** (Jerusalem)

**Yahia, Zeena** (Jerusalem)

## **RESEARCH**

From its establishment in 1987, PASSIA's activities focused much attention on the many aspects of the Jerusalem Question and related research, publication and dissemination of information.

Research work in 2008/09 included the following:

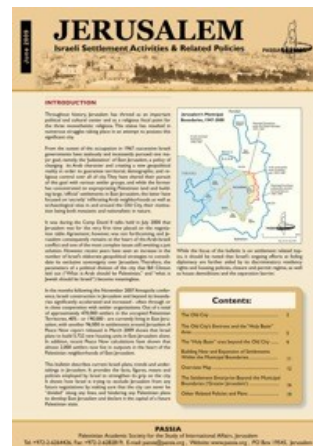
- Putting together a comprehensive chronology of events that happened in or affected - in one way or another - the city of Jerusalem.

### ■ **Bulletin – Israeli Settlement Activities and Related Policies in Jerusalem**

by **PASSIA Team**

June 2009 (English, 16 pages)

This Special Bulletin presents the basic facts and figures relating to the issue of settlements as well as the Wall Israel is currently building in and around Jerusalem. It intends to shed some light on certain significant recent events and developments in city, including the growing presence of Israeli settlers in and around the Old City, the expansion of settlements in the wider Jerusalem area, and the impact of the separation barrier - all of which were carefully designed to make any serious discussion relating to the establishment of a future Palestinian capital in Jerusalem impossible.



## **Special Project**

As part of its activities on the occasion of "Al-Quds – Capital of Arab Culture 2009", PASSIA undertook a project, entitled **Cultural Footprints in Jerusalem**, in which the influences of certain nations on the development of Jerusalem's cultural history were presented by native researchers from those countries. The project

aimed at highlighting the major events and contributions that have tied each of those nations to Jerusalem, along with profiles of the people who made them happen. PASSIA believes that this is an opportunity to showcase the relationship that various nations have had with the mosaic of the city, whether that influence is manifested here in Jerusalem or in the country in question. Areas covered included literature, architecture, archaeology, prominent visitors, music, cultural exchanges, special events, visual arts, and institutions.

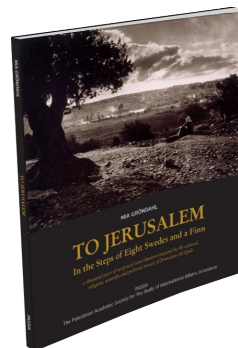
To date, PASSIA published two monographs, highlighting the major events and contributions that have tied Sweden and Germany to Jerusalem.

- *To Jerusalem - In the Steps of Eight Swedes and a Finn: a thousand years of reciprocal contributions inspired by the cultural, religious, scientific and political mosaic of Jerusalem/AI Quds.*

by **Mia Gröndahl**

December 2009 (English, 120 pages, numerous photographs)

This edition describes, *inter alia*, the motives and experiences of the first Swedish travelers, scientist, and writers to Jerusalem. Personalities occurring in this context include: Saint Birgitta (1303-1373), Cornelius Loos (1686-1738), Fredrik Hasselquist (1722-1752), Fredrika Bremer (1801-1865), Lewis Larsson (1881-1958), Selma Lagerlöf (1858-1940), Hilma Granqvist (1890-1972), Signe Ekblad (1894-1952), and Folke Bernadotte (1895-1948).

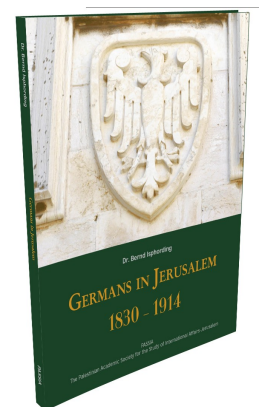


- *Germans in Jerusalem 1830-1914*

by **Dr. Bernd Isphording**

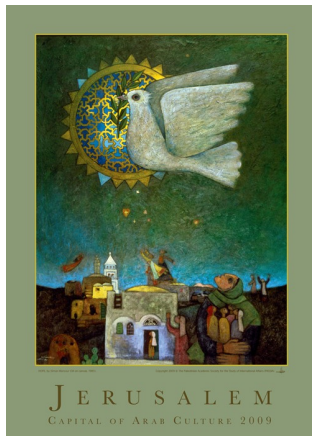
December 2009 (English, 63 pages, numerous photographs)

This booklet focuses on one part of the long history of German-Jerusalemite relations; the 70-year period between the founding of the Anglo-Prussian Bishopric and the First World War, the 'golden time of German involvement in Palestine'. To this day, a number of imposing buildings throughout the city stand testament to this era. These include the Hospital of the Empress Auguste Viktoria Stiftung (Augusta Victoria Foundation) on the Mount of Olives, the Redeemer Church near the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in the Old City, the Dormition Abbey on Mount Zion, and the German Colony, the settlement of members of the Temple Society, which gives a district of West Jerusalem its name. The book examines how the commitment



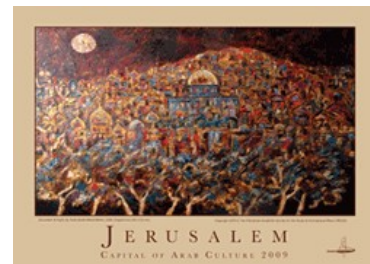
of a wide range of people, and the way it took shape, can only be understood against the background of the German history of the time. A special focus of this monograph is thereby the journey to and stay in Jerusalem of Kaiser Wilhelm II in 1898 as well as the visit's repercussions, especially its legacy in terms of architecture that can be traced until this day.

Also as part of its activities on the occasion of "Al-Quds – Capital of Arab Culture 2009", PASSIA commissioned the translation (French into Arabic) of a book on the late **Faisal Hussein** and his actions with regard to Jerusalem (see chapter on the **Research Program** for details). In addition, PASSIA has designed, in cooperation with the Palestinian artists Sliman Mansour and Taleb Dweik, and printed three posters on Jerusalem:



Mansour  
Oil on canvas, 1985, 50 x 70 cm

*Jerusalem in the Heart*, by Sliman Mansour  
Oil on canvas, 1979, 50 x 70 cm



*Jerusalem at Night*, by  
Taleb Dweik  
Mixed Media, 70-50 cm

*Hope*, by Sliman