

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

26 March 2013, The Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: Israeli Unilateralism in Jerusalem and its Implications for the Two-State Solution

Speaker: Daniel Seidemann Israeli Attorney, Expert on Geo-Political Jerusalem

Participant(s): Isam Awwad, Consultant Architect; William Aopkinson; Farouk Rahim, Surgeon; Michael Van Lay Exeler, CPS Coordinator; Oscar Jarzmick, PhD Student; Suleiman Abu Dayyh, FNF; Tim Williams, Adviser OQR, Beaufils Cyrille, Vice Counsel of France; Jobin Laurine, Swiss Representative Office; Felige Sander, UNRWA; Terry Buletah, Hasan Khweis, Hon Website; Sawsan Safadi; Constanze Bonj; Dainik Heinz, Swiss Foreign Office; Ofer Zelzbey, ZCG; Bishop. Munib Younan; B. Philippe, EUREP; Loris Van Winkel, Political Officer; Dimitri Jishashram, Tour Operator; Ibrahim Natour; Barbara Loy; Mazeen Nuseibeh, Teacher; James Eastwood, PhD Researcher; Khuloud Daibes; Peter Huenseler, Regional Manager forum ZfD; Mellie Johuseu, Student; Piers Simpkin, ICRC; Hussein Hirji, Canadian Representative Office; Juliayn Lake, Assistant; Hatem Khweis, Hon Website; Sebastian Bidaud, French Consulate; Michel Gottret, Swiss Representative Office; Gilles Cerutti, Swiss Representative Office; Jogle Morinletz, Al Quds Law; Ingrid Ross, FES; Alex Ruesche, FES; Ruth Hummand; Hind Khoury; David Peer, EU; Khalil Assali, Journalist; Yousef Dalem, Jerusalem Interchurch Center; Nora Kort, AOS and ATTA.



1 April 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Question of Jerusalem and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict (Visit of Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on International Relations and Cooperation to Palestine)

Participant(s): Solly Tshivhula, Counsellor; Steve Mabele, 3RD Secretary; Lan Daviolsom, M.P; Ebrahim Sulliman, M.P; David Jordaan, 1st Secretary; Goodman Molate, Counsellor; Commie Sapamber, W.P; Mlungisi Makalima; Ambassador; H.T. Magitma, M.P; Cheryllyn Dudley, M.P; Mnyamezeli Boo, M.P; David Modlala, Parliamentary Research, Lubabolo Sigwela, Secretary; Lulan Smuts Ngonyama, M.P.



30 April 2013, PASSIA, Ramallah

Topic: Situation in Jerusalem 2013 - "Youth Education, Ramallah Meeting"

Participant(s): Samer As-Shareef, Multimedia, Birzeit University; Fajr Harb, Carter Center, Ramallah; Katerina Mustaklem, Medical Representative, Wyeth Nutrition; Haneen Omari, Birzeit University; Rand Khdair, TV presenter, Falastinah TV; Alhareth Rayan, Media coordinator, Arab Education Forum; Mahmoud Quran, Sales Manager, CPS; Sari Harb, Ekram Nicola, Lawyer.

20 May 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: On Jerusalem

Participant(s): Basel Ghattas, Engineering; Jamal Zahalqah, Lawyer; Usama Halabi, Lawyer; Sami Abu Shihadah; Haneen Zu'bi, Lawyer; Sinan Abdel Qader, Engineer; Jeries Saba; Ala' Mahajneh.



19 June 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem and the Current Situation in Palestine

Participant(s): Group of teachers from World Affairs Council of Houston, USA: Andre Shama, Tour Guide; Marie Moreno, Administrator; Patricia Cooksey, Teacher; Melissa Schmitz, Teacher; Loreli Clark, Teacher; Barbara DiPaolo, Teacher; Dana Browning, Teacher; Rita McMahon, Teacher; Shelby Touchy, Teacher; Ivana Situm, Program Officer; Anita Pillins, Teacher.



3 August 2013, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: Launching the PASSIA Brochure: “A Guide to Al-Aqsa Mosque”

Speakers: *Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi*, Chairman of PASSIA; *Sheikh Abdul Azim Salhab*, Head of the Council of Waqf & Islamic Affairs; *Ms. Elvan Haciefendioglu*, Deputy Consul General of Turkey; *Mr. Sedat Yilmaz*, Director of Cultural Section, Consulate General of Turkey; *Mr. Sedat Yilmaz*, Director of Cultural Section, Consulate General of Turkey

Participant(s): Sheikh Azzam Al-Khatib, Director, Islamic Waqf Offices; Engineer Mazen Sinokrot, Business man, Sinokrot Group; Dr. Hani Abdeen, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Engineer Muhammad Nuseibeh; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Bashir Al-Muhtaseb, Lawyer; Dr. Muhammad Nasreddin, Financial Director, Islamic Waqf Offices; Adnan Husseini, Minister, Jerusalem Affairs; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA; Abdel Qader Al-Husseini, Faisal Husseini Foundation; Dr. Arafat Hidmi, Doctor, Al-Makassed Hospital; Khaled Al-Kaloti, Engineer; Dr. Abdel Rahman Abbad, Professor; Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Omar Al-Alami; Lamis Al-Alami, Minister of Education Palestine; Muhammad Al-Alami, Jerusalem Cigarette Company; Sheikh Mustafa Abu Zahra, chambers of Commerce; Head of the Auspices of Islamic Cemeteries Committee, Jerusalem; Sinan Abdel Qader, Engineer; Imad Muna, Educational Bookshop; Dr. Basem Abu Asab, Doctor & Director, Al-Hayat Medical Centers; Hatem Khweis, Media; Ayman Sinokrot, Sinokrot Group; Shifa Jayousi, UNSCO; Jamal Abdeen, Al-Bir Society; Khalil Al-Assali, Journalist; Nisreen Al-Aref, FES; Jamal Al-Aref, ANERA; Ziad Al-Hamouri; Ahmad Al-Rweidy, Advisor; Suleiman Ghosheh, Doctor; Adli Nasreddin, Engineer; Dr. Ali Abu Ras, Arab Institute; Wafa Al-Dajani, Engineer; Sheikh Akram Nassar, Shari’a Courts –Jerusalem; Sheikh Iyad Al-Abbasi, Shari’a Courts – Jerusalem; Nabil Hamoudeh Real State Company; Sheikh Ashraf Salhab, Zakat Centers, Jerusalem; Khaled Zabarqa, Director, Jerusalem Center for Development; Dr. Suleiman Eghbaria; Saleh Ashour; Hani Dweik, Business man.; Sami Al-Jundi; Wael Idriss; Aseel Fatafteh, PASSIA Researcher; Maen Adileh, Teacher; Sana Shannak, PASSIA Adminsitration; Imad Farrah, PASSIA IT Specialist; Hadeel Zumot, PASSIA Team; Antar Hijazi, PASSIA Team; Sam Andrews, PASSIA Intern; Felix Neugebauer, PASSIA Intern; Sawsan Safadi, Head, Public Relations and Directorate of International Relations Education; Mazen Ahram; Maysoun Masluhi, Translator; Rania Muhareb, PASSIA Intern; Bishop Dr. Munib Younan, Evangelical Lutheran Church; Suheil Dawani, Anglican Bishop Jerusalem; Sabri Saidam; Hazem Ghaith, Representative Office of Egypt, Ramallah; Hammam Abu Zaid, Representative Office of Egypt, Ramallah; Dr. Hany Abdel Rahman Khader, Acting Head of the Egyptian Mission, Tel Aviv; Mustafa Al-Gamal, Consulate of Egypt, Tel Aviv; Sheikh Ali Abu Sheikha; Ahmad Al-Tayyibi, Member of Parliament; Nader Farrah, Al-Hayat Center; Mahmoud Jaddeh; Tugba Arslan, Vice Consul Consulate General of Turkey; Husamettin Arslan, Vice Consul Consulate General of Turkey; Elvan Haciefendioglu, Deputy Consul General of Turkey; Mehmet Erdil, TIPH Hebron; Enwar Arpa; Sedat Yilmaz, Director of Cultural Section Consulate General of Turkey; Ediz TIYANSAN, Journalist; Mehmet Kivanc; Yusuf Kasarci; Murat Gukurcam; Daoud Qutteni, TIKA; Rami Sublaban, TIKA; Mehmet Beyazit Aksoy, TIKA; Kursad Mahmat, TIKA Coordinator, Dr. Serdar Cam, President of TIKA.



21 November 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestinians in Jerusalem

Participant(s): (International group of youth from the UK, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Myanmar and Sri Lanka)
Sophie Stewart-Bloch; Elma Adanaus; Mohammad Rehan Asif; Emma Baker; Clare Rich; Khalil Al Battat.



3 December 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Education in Jerusalem and the Question of Identity

Speaker: Sawsan Safadi, Director, Public & International Relations, PA Ministry of Education, Jerusalem

Participant(s): Samir Jbreal, Director of the Palestinian Authority Ministry of Education office in Jerusalem; Nadim Jamal, Media; Haya Toutah; Eman El Taji, Director of Dar El-Tifl Al-Arabi; Murad Bastami, Human Rights Officer, United Nations Mission in Darfur; Noor Rajabi; Nasser Hidmi; Dina Abu Ghaida, Senior Economist, Education, Human Development Group Middle East & North Africa Region, The World Bank; Hatem Khweis, Union of Parents' Committees in East Jerusalem Schools.



4 December 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Evaluating EU Support and Cooperation in Jerusalem since 2008

Participant(s): Rami Nasser Eddin, Pal Vision; Khaled Shakhshir, Welfare Association; Fayrouz Sharqawi, Grassroots Al-Quds; Dr. Hani Abdeen, Al Quds University, Faculty of Medicine; Murad Bustami, Human Rights Officer, UN; Hatem Khweis, Al-Arabia Consulting & PR; Nora Lester Murad, Dalia Association; Omar Shaban, Consultant, Palthink; Dr. Mohammed Alami, Manager; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA; Dr. Joe Saba, Team Leader of the Evaluation and Private Sector Expert; Nick Krafft: Expert for the Social Sector.



Briefings

22 January 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: What Strategy for Jerusalem?

Participant(s): James Rawley, Deputy Special Coordinator & UN Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator.



14 February 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem & President Obama's Upcoming Visit in April 2013

Participant(s): Cheryl Igiri, Political Officer, U.S. Department of State.

19 February 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Planning for Jerusalem

Participant(s): Abeer Al Saheb, Manager Jerusalem Portfolio; Anjad Hithnawi, Urban Planner, Special Human Settlements Programme for the Palestinian People (UN, HABITAT).

21 February 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Closure of Palestinian Institutions in Jerusalem

Participant(s): Ashraf B. Khatib, Communication Advisor; Fuad Hallak, Jerusalem Policy Advisor; Lara Habash, Communication Assistant, Negotiations Affairs Department.



23 February 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem Issues

Participant(s): Adnan El-Husseini, Minister for Jerusalem Affairs and Governor for Quds Governorate; Ahmad Siam, Manager, Public Relations and Press Department, Jerusalem Ministry.



25 February 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Israeli Colonialism in Jerusalem

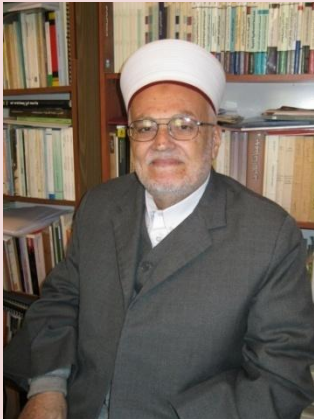
Participant(s): Hazem Gheith, Political Officer, and Representative Office of Egypt.



14 March 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem and Obama's Upcoming Visit to the Region

Participant(s): Dr. Sheikh Ikremah Said Sabri, Head of the Supreme Islamic Council, Al-Aqsa Mosque preacher, Head of the Council for Muslim Preachers and Scholars.



6 April 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem

Participant(s): Irish Delegation.



6 April 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: 24 Hours in Jerusalem: Palestinian Perspective (Documentary Film)

Participant(s): Thomas Kufus, Manager, Zero One Film, Berlin, Team.



7 April 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Question of Jerusalem and the Palestinian-Israel Conflict

Participant(s): Aimee Shalan, Director of Advocacy & Communications, Medical Aid for Palestinians, MAP; Mark Pawsey MP, Member of Parliament for Rugby, London; Cathy Jamieson MP, Constituency Office, House of Commons, London; Karen Buck MP, Member of Parliament for Westminster North, House of Commons, London; Chris Doyle, Director, Advancing Arab-British Relations, The Council for Arab-British Understanding, Caabu, London.



16 April 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Status of Jerusalem

Participant(s): Jihan Abdalla, Freelance Journalist.



18 April 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: 24 Hours in Jerusalem: Palestinian Perspective (Documentary Film)

Participant(s): Thomas Kufus, Manager, Zero One Film, Berlin.

15 May 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem Issues

Participant(s): Ingrid Ross, Head, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); Alexander Ruesche, Program Manager, FES; Shatha Abdul Samad, Project Manager, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES).



16 May 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: 24h Jerusalem

Participant(s): Thomas Kufus, General Manager, Zero One Film, Berlin.



23 May 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem

Participant(s): Students from Smith College Seminar, USA; Lucie March; Maijone Amon; Isabelle Ross; Shaina Roberts; May Ann Maestas; Lily Sky; Asako Mikami; Kayla Blvm; Yvonne Chow; Glina Lee; Justin Cammy.



8 July 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Review of Jerusalem's Cultural Scene

Participant(s): Jerome Sherman, Public Diplomacy Officer, American Consulate General; Vivian Abdallah Zambil, Cultural Program Specialist, American Consulate General.



30 July 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Israel's Demographic Plan for Jerusalem

Participant(s): Ashref Shweiki, Journalist, PalMedia & Al Manaar, Palestine.



5 August 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Question of Jerusalem in the Negotiations

Participant(s): Andrew Drake, Senior Producer West Africa, Associated Press Television.



7 October 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem between 1945 and 1948

Participant(s): Israel Goldman, Ph.D. student, Bar-Ilan University.



26 October 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Challenges Facing Al-Aqsa Mosque

Participant(s): Sheikh Azzam Al-Khatib, Director, Islamic Waqf



29 October 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Position of Palestinian Christians of Jerusalem on the Legal and Political Status of Jerusalem

Participant(s): Michal Ziemowit Busko, The Institute of Middle and Far Eastern Studies, Jagiellonian University, Poland.



26 November 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Issues on Jerusalem

Participant(s): Hazem Gheith, Political Officer, Egyptian Representative Office, Ramallah.



27 November 2013, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Future of Jerusalem

Participant(s): Paola Dangelo, Journalist; Fabrizio Silani, Cameraman; Sahera Dirbas, Director & Producer, Italian State TV.

