

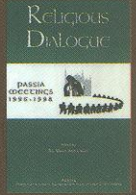
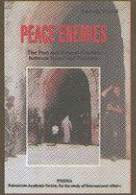
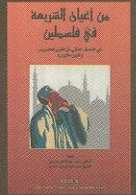


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## *The Year That Was*

With no end to the stalemate in the peace process in sight, 1999 began with the discouraging news that over 20 percent of all land to be marketed by the Israeli Housing Ministry during the year was located in the Palestinian Territories. By mid-January, the PLC was in the headlines as well: First, former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres became the first Israeli official to address Palestinian lawmakers. Second, the PLC articulated demands for an end to political arrests and the release of prisoners held in Palestinian jails without charge. Soon after, Hamas and Islamic Jihad prisoners began a hunger strike protesting their political detention. On 23 January, Palestine officially received its own telephone country code, 970, from the International Telecommunications Union. Meanwhile, in Jordan, an ailing King Hussein signed a royal decree shifting succession of the Hashemite throne from his brother, Prince Hassan, crown prince for the last 34 years, to his eldest son Abdullah.

The first day of February saw a triple tragedy when a car chase in Rafah killed a colonel from the Preventive Security Services and also cost the lives of two children who were run over. On 5 February, donor countries committed \$770 million in an aid package to Palestine for 1999. A few days later, on 8 February, regional and world leaders converged in Amman for the funeral of King Hussein, who had died the day before; his son Abdullah was crowned the new monarch. Meanwhile, Israeli settlers were busy establishing new settlements in the West Bank and hastily fortifying up existing ones.

In March, discussion of the possibility of a unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state at the end of the official interim period – 4 May 1999 - intensified as the US Senate voted to oppose such a move. A few weeks later, a report by Peace Now caused much uproar, revealing that settlement-building initiatives in the Palestinian Territories had jumped 105 percent in 1998, while construction within the Green Line had declined 20 percent. At the close of the Berlin European Council on 26 March, the Heads of State and Government of the EU issued a landmark declaration reaffirming their “support for a negotiated settlement in the Middle East” that reflects “the principles of ‘land for peace’ and ensure[s] the security both collective and individual of the Israeli and Palestinian peoples.” It further reaffirmed the “continuing and unqualified Palestinian right to self-determination in-

cluding the option of a state". While Palestinians, Jordan, Egypt, Syria and the Arab League hailed the EU's declaration, Israel rejected it as an unacceptable 'dictate'.

In April, international media attention turned to Nazareth and the violence that erupted between Muslims and Christians in a dispute over a piece of land near the Church of the Annunciation. The Christian mayor, backed by the Israeli Government, wanted to build a plaza on the site of a demolished school building in time for the millennium celebrations. Muslims claimed the land belonged to the Islamic Waqf as the grave of Shihab Ad-Din and wanted to erect a mosque on the site. On 11 April, Palestinians were outraged when Labor candidate Ehud Barak announced his party's four 'red lines' for any future final status agreement: Jerusalem undivided as Israel's capital; no withdrawal to the June 1967 borders; no foreign army west of the Jordan River; most settlers to remain in large territorial blocs under Israeli sovereignty. In the last week of April, the Palestinians had reason to cheer as the UN Commission on Human Rights in Geneva adopted two resolutions, one condemning Israeli activities in the Occupied Territories as against the principles of the peace process and the other acknowledging the right of Palestinian self-determination and reaffirming the right of return for Palestinian refugees. As the expiry date of the Oslo interim period drew near, on 25 April all eight PLO factions called on President Arafat to resist international pressure to put off the declaration of an independent Palestinian state; the Likud government threatened to cancel the Oslo Accords in the event of a unilateral proclamation. Despite Arafat's efforts travelling around the world in search of support, on 30 April the PLO Central Council decided to postpone a declaration of statehood until after the Israeli elections. The 4th of May passed almost unnoticed.

The main event of May was the Israeli elections that returned the Labor party to power. Ehud Barak replaced a defeated Binyamin Netanyahu as the new Israeli Prime Minister. On 3 June, thousands of Palestinian demonstrators took to the street following a call by the Palestinian Authority (PA) to mark a 'Day of Rage' against Israeli settlements and land confiscation. The event turned violent when Israeli forces began firing on the demonstrators, causing injuries and one death. Later that month, on 20 June, the G-8 leaders called on Israel and the Palestinians to immediately and fully implement the Wye River Agreement and to stop any activities that might preempt the results of final status negotiations. A day later, Palestinians proudly watched President Arafat officially launch Palestine's international dialing code 970 and unveil the first cellular telephone service dedicated to the Palestinian territories (known as Al-Jawwal).

On 23 July, King Hassan II of Morocco died at the age of 70 and was succeeded by his son Mohammed. On 26 July, PLC Speaker Ahmed Qrei'a (Abu 'Ala) visited the Knesset invited by Knesset Speaker Avraham Burg.

On 8 August, Palestinians welcomed Qatar's Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Ath-Thani, the first Gulf monarch to visit the Palestinian territories. From 15-31 August, Palestinian national sport teams participated in the Pan-Arab Games in Amman,

winning several medals. On 19 August, the longest held Palestinian detainee, Khalil Sa'di Ahmad Ar-Rai' from Gaza, was released after 25 years of imprisonment in Israeli jails for leading a Fateh cell.

On 4 September, the world watched as Israeli PM Barak and PA President Arafat signed the revised Wye Accord at Sharm Esh-Sheikh, paving the way for talks on a permanent peace settlement. A day later, Israeli authorities released 199 Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails as stipulated in the new agreement. On 6 September, the Israeli High Court in a landmark decision outlawed interrogation methods used by the Shin Bet, which had been denounced by human rights groups as torture for years. On 10 September Israel transferred 7% of West Bank land from Area C to Palestinian civil control, Area B, and on 13 September - the sixth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Principles - FM David Levy and Palestinian negotiator Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) formally launched the final status talks at a ceremony at Eretz checkpoint. A few days later, however, Israeli authorities sparked unrest and frustration among Palestinians when they announced the sealing off of thousands of dunums of fertile agricultural land affecting some 79 West Bank villages. The month ended with PFLP Deputy-Sec., Abu Ali Mustafa, returning to Palestine after 32 years in forced exile.

The first major event in October was a Israeli-Palestinian compromise agreement on the southern safe passage route, according to which Palestinians would apply to a Palestinian office for magnetic cards, and Israeli officials would handle the security-check for applicants; Israel vowed not to use the passage as a 'trap' to arrest travelling Palestinians. On 9 October a Jordanian delegation headed by Speaker of Parliament, Abdul Hadi Majali, got a taste of occupation when confronted by Jewish settlers and the Israeli army outside Al-Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron. On 12 October, Bethlehem mayor Hanna Nasser and other Palestinian leaders strongly denounced Israeli plans underway to construct an Eretz-like checkpoint in Bethlehem, an issue that led to demonstrations and clashes with the Israeli army throughout the rest of the month. On 18 October, the long awaited opening of the southern safe passage from Eretz checkpoint to Tarkumiya near Hebron was witnessed with mixed feelings, as the first hundreds of Palestinians headed to visit relatives and places inaccessible to them for years. On 21 October, tragedy struck Hebron when a fire broke out in an unlicensed gas lighter factory, leaving 14 people dead and over 20 injured. The incident put a shadow over the more joyous event at the end of the month, which was the opening of Shuhada Street in its entirety to Palestinians for the first time since the Al-Ibrahimi Mosque massacre in February 1994.

November began with a meeting in Oslo between President Clinton, President Arafat and PM Barak, in which they discussed the possibility of holding a summit similar to Camp David in order to achieve the planned framework agreement scheduled for mid-February 2000. On 4 November, FIFA President Joseph Blatter began his visit to Palestine, during which he laid the cornerstone for the Gaza International Stadium and pledged funds to boost the Palestinian Football Federation.



On 7 November, in response to a Hamas statement released the previous day threatening to attack Israeli targets if settlement activity did not stop, Ehud Barak announced his decision to expand settlements near Nablus tenfold and that UN Res. 242 did not apply to the Palestinian territories. Nevertheless, the Israeli and Palestinian negotiating teams - headed by Oded Eran and Yasser Abed Rabbo - met on 8 November at the Grand Park Hotel in Ramallah to start final status talks with the declared goal of forging a final peace agreement by September 2000. On 11 November, Suha Arafat sparked some diplomatic uproar by saying during a Gaza appearance with Hillary Clinton that Palestinians had been subjected to poisonous gas by Israeli forces for years. A few days later, on 15 November, the scheduled Israeli transfer of West Bank territory to Palestinian control was put on hold due to a dispute over the territory in question. The same day, Peace Now reported that construction tenders for 2,703 settlement housing units had been issued since the Barak government assumed power. On 18 November, German Bundestag Speaker Wolfgang Thierse's visit to Hebron was disrupted by a group of settlers, who shouted at him to "show his Nazi face" at Shuhada Street. Four days later, new tension erupted in Nazareth as the cornerstone for the disputed mosque near the Church of the Annunciation was laid. In protest, Christian churches closed the Christian holy sites throughout the country for two days. Meanwhile, in Gaza Israeli forces demolished six houses in Khan Yunis Refugee Camp, causing harsh confrontations between the local residents and Israeli army. On 24 November, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution supporting the right of Palestinians to use their natural resources. The month ended with much internal turmoil after a public statement titled 'A Cry from the Homeland' was released on 27 November, which was signed by 20 Palestinians, including eight PLC members, who criticized the "tyranny, corruption, humiliation and abuse of the Palestinian people" by the PA. The PA reacted by staging a campaign of arrests and house arrest orders against the signatories.

On 4 December, the Bethlehem 2000 celebrations officially opened. On 15 December, negotiations between Syria and Israel were launched at the White House in Washington, leaving the Palestinians with new fears about their own talks for a final settlement. On 17 December, the PLO Executive Committee convened to discuss holding a Palestinian Central Council meeting on the issue of declaring statehood in 2000. As before, the decision to declare statehood was postponed. On 22 December, the UN General Assembly gave the righteousness of the Palestinian cause yet another boost by adopting a resolution on "the permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian lands, including Jerusalem, and the Arab residents in the Syrian Golan Heights over their natural resources". The year ended with huge Christmas festivities and millennium celebrations in Bethlehem.



# 1. *Research Studies*

## *Introduction*

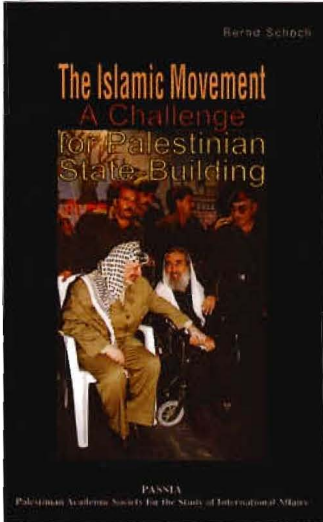
Since its foundation in 1987, PASSIA has implemented an annual *Research Studies Program* and has accumulated over twelve years of experience in academic research, documentation, and publishing. Under the auspices of this program, PASSIA commissions a number of researchers each year to conduct studies within the context of academic freedom. The contracted researchers/authors of PASSIA publications throughout the years have been as diverse as the subjects covered and have included Palestinian, Arab, Israeli and international academics, scholars and experts. They are not necessarily affiliated with PASSIA.

In its efforts to provide background information, in-depth studies and documentation on issues of concern as well as to promote a better understanding of the Palestinian cause, PASSIA strives to ensure that research undertaken under its auspices be specialized, scientific and objective. To date, PASSIA has published over 120 different studies and monographs – in either English or Arabic - on a huge diversity of subjects relevant to the Palestine Question, which often discuss controversial or rarely addressed issues and allow the expression of a wide range of perspectives. PASSIA publications are widely distributed both locally and internationally.

PASSIA is proud to be able to say that its research studies have become a valuable reference source for academics, diplomats, professionals, libraries and anyone with an interest in the Palestinian issue, the field of international affairs, and the developments in the Middle East.

The following titles were published in 1999. Information on publications printed under PASSIA projects other than the Research Studies Program are listed in the respective chapters (e.g., *Meetings, Religious Studies Unit, Seminars*).

## Research Studies 1999



### *The Islamic Movement – A Challenge for Palestinian State-Building*

by **Bernd Schoch**

November 1999 (English, pp. 167)

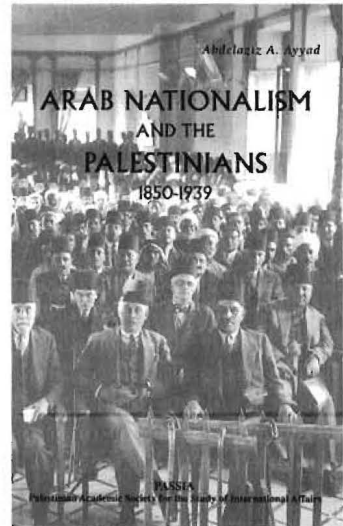
This work examines the challenge that the Islamic movement, particularly Hamas, poses to the PLO and Palestinian state-building. Analyzing PLO-Hamas relations in the context of developing democracy and legitimacy, Schoch explores the two sides' strategies and rivalries, particularly in local university elections. The author also assesses the impact of Hamas on regional stability and discusses how other states have dealt with religious fundamentalist movements.

### *Arab Nationalism and the Palestinians, 1850-1939*

by **Abdelaziz Ayyad**

December 1999 (English, pp. 188)

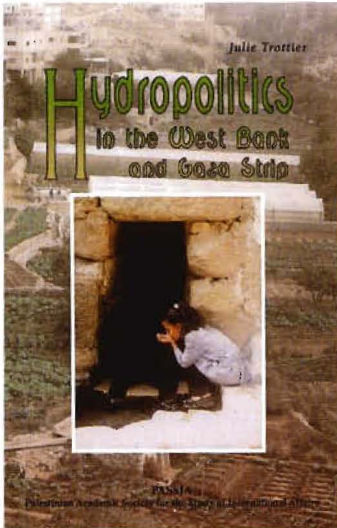
This historical analysis, from the Ottoman period to the Arab Revolt of 1939, examines the early years of the Palestinian national movement within the wider cultural, socioeconomic and political context of the Arab World. This work discusses the great challenges that imperialism and Zionism posed for the region and traces the growth of the Arab liberation movement and its offshoot, the Palestinian national movement. The author, a professor of history at Birzeit University in the West Bank, explores the tensions between Palestinian nationalists and Arab leaders, as well as the failure of the traditional leadership in coping with the transformations in Palestinian and Arab society.



*Hydropolitics  
in the West Bank and Gaza Strip*

by **Julie Trottier**

December 1999 (English, pp. 249)



The issue of water is one of the five issues that remain to be negotiated as part of the final status talks. This comprehensive work examines the vital resource of water as a political issue in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The first chapter provides a valuable review of the literature on water, from hydropolitical works that focus on political and legal water issues, to technical analyses of problems such as pollution and infrastructure, to publications that propose new models and methods for water management on national and regional levels. Exploring the history of the region's water policies in the last hundred years, the author explains the conflicts and power struggles that have occurred on the local, national, and international levels over this most important resource. The author also analyzes the current strategy of the Palestinian Water Authority. The book contains many tables, pictures, maps and an extensive bibliography, illustrating this complex issue.

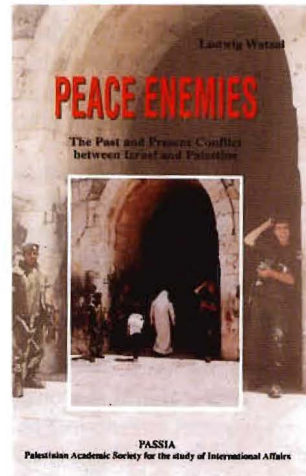
international levels over this most important resource. The author also analyzes the current strategy of the Palestinian Water Authority. The book contains many tables, pictures, maps and an extensive bibliography, illustrating this complex issue.

*Peace Enemies – The Past and Present Conflict  
between Israel and Palestine*

by **Ludwig Watzal**

June 1999 (English - translated from the German Language by  
D. Altayli, pp. 248)

This book provides a detailed and wide-ranging examination of Israeli-Palestinian relations from the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century to the present. The historical overview of the conflict is followed by an analysis of the various agreements signed between the PLO and Israel since 1993 up to the Wye River Agreement of 1998. Other chapters discuss the status of human rights under Israeli occupation and the Palestinian Authority, as well as Israel's foreign relations with the US, the European Union, Syria, Turkey and Germany. The final chapter, "Israel between Western Democracy and Religious Fundamentalism," explores the current divisions in Israeli society between Ashkenazim/Sephardim, religious/secular and Zionist/Post-Zionist.







## 2. Meetings

### Introduction

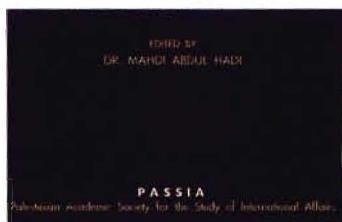
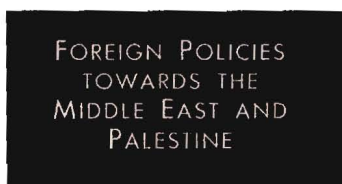
Over the past 13 years, PASSIA has earned a reputation for providing a forum for dialogue and serving as a catalyst for civic dialogue and intercultural understanding, at the core of which has always been the analysis of a plurality of Palestinian perspectives and approaches. Through the Meetings Program, PASSIA strives to promote both free expression within Palestinian society and a better understanding of Palestinian affairs, whether of domestic or international nature. Speakers and audience members at these meetings involve local and foreign figures from all kinds of backgrounds and schools of thought, including: scholars, professionals and intellectuals; members of political factions; visiting scholars; representatives from the diplomatic corps; and Israeli academics and political figures. Topics addressed and discussed cover a wide range of subjects related to the Palestine Question, from historical aspects to the current Middle East Peace Process and internal Palestinian affairs.

The PASSIA Meetings Program is divided into the following four 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. These meetings aim to promote debate among Palestinians and between Palestinians and their foreign counterparts.
- ❑ **Dialogue & Briefings:** PASSIA frequently provides a venue for encounters, dialogue and discussions involving representatives and groups from various backgrounds. These meetings focus on current Palestinian affairs and are designed to build bridges of communication between Palestinians from within different streams of the society, between Palestinians and Israelis, and between Palestinians and their foreign counterparts.
- ❑ **Diplomatic Meetings:** PASSIA has also become a favored venue for foreign political and diplomatic visitors who wish to gain a Palestinian perspective on current events in the region. PASSIA has 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. PASSIA also receives invitations to meetings with diplomats and visiting foreign dignitaries at other venues.
- ❑ **PASSIA Forum:** In 1999, owing to limitations of space at its premises, PASSIA has set up a new forum for political discussion by organizing a series of 'public

lectures' involving particularly significant speakers and/or topics. The Forums took place at the Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem, and were attended by the guest speaker, one or two discussants, and an invited audience of 80-120 people.

In 1999, PASSIA has published the following two compilations of meetings, arranged by themes, held at PASSIA since the early 1990s:



In the following, meetings held in 1999 at PASSIA (unless otherwise indicated) are listed; details are presented in the following order: date; topic; speaker/visitor; participants. (For additional PASSIA Roundtable Meetings see chapter on Jerusalem and on the Religious Studies Unit)

## Roundtable Meetings

26 January 1999

### Israel's House Demolition Policy in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

**Speaker:** Dr. Jeff Halper, *Israeli Committee Against House Demolition (ICAHD), Jerusalem*  
**Participants:** Christian Jouret, French Consulate; Horst Freitag, Head, German Representative Office; Ibrahim Sha'ban, Lecturer; Vanessa Kent, Planning & Development Department, PLC; Allison Hodgkins, World Learning; Dr. Mohammed Jadallah; Dr. Fawzy Naji, Palestinian Water Authority; Rabbi Arik Ascherman, Rabbis For Human Rights & ICAHD; Sylvie Fouet and Isabel Candela, European Commission Delegation; Matthew Brubacher, Badil Resource Center; Rami Shehadeh, Al-Haq; Ola Samzelius, Swedish Consulate; Jens Vang, Åshild Kjøk, Lena Johansson, and Marc George, TIPH; Adrienne Harchik, US Consulate; Carole Hawke; Chris Farah, The Jerusalem Times; Helen Grant, ANERA; Mutasem Al-Ashhab, German Representative Office; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Deniz Altayli, Sawsan Baghdadi, PASSIA.

29 January 1999

### Hashemite Succession and the Stability of Jordan

**Speaker:** Dr. Asher Susser, *Senior Fellow, The Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University*

**Discussants:** Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, *Head of PASSIA*, and Dr. Rosemary Hollis, *Royal Institute for International Affairs (Chatham House), London, UK*

**Participants:** HE Robin Kealy, *British Consul General*; HE Stanislas de Laboulaye, *French Consul General*; HE Fernando Fernandez-Arias, *Consul of Spain*; HE Karin Roxman, *Swedish Consul General*; Allison Hodgkins, *Academic Director, World Learning*; Ziba Craner; Isabel Candelá, *European Commission*; Marwan Abu Zalaf, *Al-Quds Newspaper*; John Whitbeck, *Lawyer*; Donna Ives, *USAID*; Jane Gaffney, *USIS*; Katsuyoshi Hayashi, *Japanese Embassy*; Ibrahim Sha'ban, *Lecturer*; Duncan MacInnes, *USIS*; Vanessa Kent, *Planning & Development Dept., PLC*; Dr. Ishaq Al-Qutub, *Al-Quds University*; Sylvie Fouet, *European Commission*; Kirsty Wright, *Canada Fund*; Mohammed Tamimi, *Polytechnic, Hebron*; Dr. Joel Peters, *Lecturer*; Anne Casper, *USIS*; Dr. Mohammed Shtayyeh, *PECDAR*; Mohammed Abu Khdeir, *Al-Quds Newspaper*; Donna Harman, *Jerusalem Post*; Dr. Fawzy Najji, *Palestinian Water Authority*; Dalia Habash; HE Mohammed Tal, *Consul of Jordan*; Sue Heher, *South African Representative Office*; Mike Oloyomor; Hamed Qawasmeh, *Student*; Sa'd Abdul Hadi, *General Manager, An-Nasher*; Qassem Abdul Hadi, *An-Nasher*; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, *Head of PASSIA*; Deniz Altayli, Zainab Al-Kurd, and Sawsan Baghdadi, *PASSIA*.



4 February 1999

### Water Crisis in Palestine: Scenarios for Solutions

**Speaker:** Dr. Fawzy Najji, *Consultant to the Palestinian Water Authority, Ramallah*

**Participants:** Kirsty Wright, *Canada Fund*; Matthes Buhbe, *FES, Jerusalem*; Sue Heher, *South African Representative Office*; Michel Rentenaar, *Netherlands Representative Office*; Judeh Majaj, *East Jerusalem YMCA*; Mohammed Abu Khdeir, *Al-Quds Newspaper*; Hari Politopoulos, *European Commission*; Neil Bollard, *European Commission*; Ibrahim Sha'ban, *Lecturer, Al-Quds University*; Elaine Kelley, *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs*; Julie Trottier, *Researcher*; Dr. Alfred Abed Rabbo, *Bethlehem University*; Br. David Scarpa, *Lecturer*; Bo Johansson, *TIPH*; Fabio Fortuna, *TIPH*; Cristina Perozzi, *TIPH*; Dr. Marwan Abu Zalaf, *Al-Quds Newspaper*; A. Ibrahim, *TIPH*; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, *PASSIA*; Deniz Altayli and Sawsan Baghdadi, *PASSIA*.

25 February 1999

### The Israeli Elections

**Speakers:** Danny Ben-Simon, *Correspondent, Ha'aretz* and Dr. Said Zeedani, *Al-Quds University, Jerusalem*

**Participants:** HE Stanislas de Laboulaye, *French Consul General*; Willemijn van Haafteen, *Netherlands Representative Office*; Daniel Delacmbre, *Cultural Service, French Consulate*; Walid Assali, *Lawyer*; Julie Trottier, *Researcher*; Laetitia Brucaille, *Professor*; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, *Professor, Al-Quds University*; Dr. Mohammed Jadallah, *Physician*; Matthes Buhbe, *FES, Jerusalem*; Rachel Beer, *US Consulate*; Richard Clarke, *Student*; Michael Eichenwald; Nina



Sovich; Hamed Qawaseh, Student; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA; Deniz Altayli, and Sawsan Baghdadi, PASSIA.

8 June 1999

### **Regional Disarmament and Arms Control**

Roundtable discussion with official representatives from the Canadian Department of Disarmament and Arms Control

Participants: Rob McDougall, Canadian Diplomat; David Viveash, Canadian Diplomat; Jamil Rabah, Researcher; Nedal Ismail, Commercial/Public Affairs Officer, Canadian Representative Office, Ramallah; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA; Jonathan Laine, Canadian Diplomat; B.G. Nizar Ammar, Gaza; Bassil Jabir, Chief of Cabinet, MOPIC, Ramallah.

15 June 1999

### **The Future of Palestine - Scenarios, Possibilities, Strategies, and Options**

Speaker: Dr. Laura Drake, *Professor of International Relations, American University and Editorial Board, Middle East Affairs Journal, Washington*

Participants: Torgeir Larsen, Representative Office of Norway; Ryland Paulsen, South African Representative Office; Salah Zuhaiqa, Fatah Movement; Sheikh Jamil Hamami; John McGrane, Lawyer; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway; Deniz Altayli, PASSIA; Sawsan Baghdadi, PASSIA.

22 July 1999

### **The Millennium - An Arab Perspective**

Speaker: Rami G. Khouri, *Journalist, Political Commentator and Archaeological Writer, Amman*

Participants: HE David Berger, Ambassador of Canada, Tel Aviv; Jeremy Zuker, Student; Salim Kutob, UN WHO Expert; Ishaq Al-Qutub, Sociologist; May Seikaly, Professor/Historian; Ibrahim Al-Dakak; Dr. Sami Musallam, Director, Office of the President, Jericho; Ramez Ansara, Clergy; Claudette Habesch, President, Caritas; Bishop Munib Younan; Jonathan Laine, Canadian Representative Office, Ramallah; Conny Mayer, Diplomat, US Consulate; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA; Deniz Altayli, PASSIA; Sawsan Baghdadi, PASSIA.

22 December 1999

### **Palestinian Planning Imperatives for the Future of East Jerusalem - Presentation of a Set of Unique Maps that Form Part of a PASSIA Project on the Anata Neighborhood**

Speaker: Jan de Jong, *Geographer and Land Planning Expert, Amsterdam*

Participants: HE Robin Kealy, British Consul General; Annabel Kealy, Development Program Officer, British Consulate; Mayumi Hayshi, Diplomat, Japan; Faisal Hussein, Orient House, Jerusalem; Thomas Neu, ANERA; Rachel Beer, Diplomat, US; Jeremy Cornforth, Diplomat, US; Ibrahim Dalkak, Engineer; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA; Deniz Altayli, PASSIA.

## *Dialogue and Briefings*

5 January 1999

Meeting with a group of German students from *Bonn University* accompanied by journalist Monique Junker on 'Political Opposition in Palestine'.

21 February 1999

Meeting with Sabine Awad, *Edward Mason Program, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, US.*

15 March 1999

Meeting with a group of MA students from Goteburg University.



16 March 1999

Meeting with a visiting delegation from the *Ford Foundation* (New York and Cairo).

27 April 1999

Meeting with Rachel Lyon, *Project Manager, Cimade, France*.

5 May 1999

Meeting with Alain Gresch, *French Journalist, Le Monde Diplomatique*, accompanied by Sylvie Fouet from the *European Commission in Jerusalem*.

7 June 1999

Meeting with Andrew Ewing and Haneen Sayed, *Young Professionals Program, World Bank, West Bank and Gaza Mission*.

10 August 1999

Meeting with Dr. Daniel Lieberfeld, *Department of Government and Legal Studies, Bowdoin College, Maine, US*.

3 September 1999

Meeting with Joseph Hall, *Resident Representative of the National Democratic Institute (NDI), Jerusalem* and a visiting delegation from the NDI office in Washington.

11 September 1999

Meeting with the Natascha Zupan from the *PLO General Delegation in Germany*.

12 October 1999

Meeting with Roy H. Ginsberg, *Professor of Government at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York*, in preparation for his book on the external political impact of the European Union.

5 November 1999

Brainstorming Session on 'The Middle East in a Globalizing World' in preparation for an upcoming Young Leaders Conference of the United States Institute for Peace (USIP). With Dr. Jon B. Alterman, *Middle East Officer, Research & Studies Program, USIP*.

17 November 1999

Meeting with the Committee of the PLO Arab and International Relations Department, Ramallah upon the invitation by Dr. Zakaria Al-Agha, *Head of the PLO Arab and International Relations Department*.

23 November 1999

Meeting with Dr. Ghada Karmi, *Royal Institute for International Affairs (RIIA), London, UK*.

30 December 1999

Meeting with a group of students from *St. Olaf College, Minnesota, US*, led by Dr. Charles and Barbara Wilson.

## Diplomatic Meetings

6 January 1999 (Turkish Consulate, Jerusalem)

Meeting with HE Ethem Tokdemir, *Turkish Consul General, Jerusalem*

6 January 1999

Meeting with Duncan MacInnes, *US Cultural Consul, Jerusalem*.

14 January 1999

Meeting with Katsuyoshi Hayashi, *Japanese Embassy, Tel Aviv.*

19 January 1999

Meeting with David Good, *US Information Service (USIS), Washington* and Duncan MacInnes, *USIS, Jerusalem.*

27 January 1999

Meeting with Rieter Ramer, *Head of Middle East Division, the Netherlands Foreign Ministry* accompanied by Michel Rentenaar, *Netherlands Representative Office, Ramallah.*

Meeting with Rachel Beer, *Political Officer, US Consulate, Jerusalem.*

Meeting with HE Ahmed Sharif, *Egyptian Consul, Tel Aviv.*

28 January 1999

Meeting with Katsuyoshi Hayashi, *Japanese Embassy, Tel Aviv.*

1 February 1999

Meeting with Rachel Beer and Conny Mayers, *US Consulate, Jerusalem.*

16 February 1999

Meeting with Katsuyoshi Hayashi, *Japanese Embassy, Tel Aviv.*

22 February 1999

Meeting with Ryland Paulsen, *South African Representative Office, Ramallah.*

3 March 1999

Meeting with HE Ahmed Sharif, *Egyptian Consul, Tel Aviv.*

4 March 1999 (Canadian Representative Office, Ramallah)

Dinner with Paul Heinbecker, *Assistant Deputy Minister, Global and Security Policy, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canada*, hosted by HE Tim Martin, *Head of the Canadian Representative Office, Ramallah.*

10 March 1999

Meeting with Katsuyoshi Hayashi, *Head of the Japanese Representative Office, Gaza* accompanied by Professor Osamu Ikeda, *Professor and Former President, University of Osaka for Foreign Studies, Japan.*

11 March 1999

Meeting with Anne Casper, *US Cultural Vice-Consul, Jerusalem.*

17 March 1999

Meeting with HE Ahmed Sharif, *Egyptian Consul, Tel Aviv.*

26 March 1999 (American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem)

Meeting with Brig. Helge Lerider, *Austrian Defense Attaché for Turkey and Israel, Austrian Embassy, Ankara.*

1 April 1999

Dinner with HE Kim Vinthen, *Head of the Danish Representative Office, Ramallah.*

5 April 1999

Meeting with Katsuyoshi Hayashi, *Head of the Japanese Representative Office, Gaza.*

7 April 1999

Meeting with Frederic Hill, *Director of Special Programs in the School of Professional and Area Studies, Foreign Service Institute of the US State Department, Washington, DC*, accompanied by Conny Mayers, *Political Officer, US Consulate, Jerusalem*.

8 April 1999 (Turkish Consulate General, Jerusalem)

Meeting with HE Ethem Tokdemir, *Turkish Consul General, Jerusalem*.

9 April 1999

Meeting with Ryland Paulsen, *South African Representative Office, Ramallah*.

13 April 1999

Meeting with HE Ahmed Sharif, *Egyptian Consul, Tel Aviv*.

14 April 1999

Meeting with Batyrsha Uly Saila, *Counselor, Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Tel Aviv*.

14 April 1999 (Notre Dame Hotel, Jerusalem)

Meeting with HE Vicente Espeche Gil, *Argentine Ambassador, Tel Aviv*.

25 April 1999

Meeting with J. Serais, A. Fluitman, and A. Simbeye, members of the visiting delegation from the *International Labor Organization (ILO), Geneva, Switzerland*.

4 May 1999

Meeting with Wegger Strømmen, *Norwegian State Secretary*, and accompanying delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oslo, Norway.

5 May 1999

Meeting with HE Karin Roxman, *Swedish Consul General, Jerusalem*.

11 May 1999

Meeting with HE Como van Hellenberg Hubar, *Dutch Ambassador, Embassy of the Netherlands, Tel Aviv*.

19 May 1999 (American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem)

Lunch Meeting with HE Leo d'Aes, *Belgian Consul General, Jerusalem*.

20 May 1999

Meeting with HE Geir O. Pederson, *Head of the Norwegian Representative Office, Ramallah*.

Meeting with Conny Mayers, *Political Officer, US Consulate, Jerusalem*.

24 May 1999 (Notre Dame Hotel, Jerusalem)

Meeting with HE Vicente Espeche Gil, *Argentine Ambassador, Tel Aviv*.

25 May 1999

Meeting with HE Karin Roxman, *Swedish Consul General, Jerusalem*.

31 May 1999

Meeting with HE Ahmed Sharif, *Egyptian Consul, Tel Aviv*.

7 June 1999 (US Consulate General, Jerusalem)

Meeting with Senator George Mitchell, *US Senate*, and HE John Herbst, *US Consul General, Jerusalem*.

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9 June 1999

Meeting with Ambassador Como van Hellenberg Hubar, *Dutch Embassy, Tel Aviv*, and a visiting delegation from the Netherlands.

10 June 1999

Meeting with Ryland Paulsen, *South African Representative Office, Ramallah*.

27 June 1999 (British Consulate, Sheikh Jarrah, Jerusalem)

Dinner Meeting with HE Robin Kealy, *British Consul General, Jerusalem*.

30 June 1999 (American Consulate, Jerusalem)

Meeting with HE John Herbst, *US Consul General, Jerusalem* and Prof. William Quandt, *University of Virginia*.

2 July 1999

Meeting with Mr. Nakagawa from the *Japanese Embassy in Tel Aviv*.

10 July 1999

Meeting with Ryland Paulsen, *South African Representative Office, Ramallah*.

12 July 1999

Meeting with Conny Mayers, *US Consulate General, Jerusalem*, and Prof. Emile Nakhleh.

15 July 1999

Meeting with HE Stanislas de Laboulaye, *French Consul General, Jerusalem*.

20 July 1999

Meeting with HE Karin Roxman, *Swedish Consul General, Jerusalem*.

21 July 1999

Meeting with HE Ahmed Sharif, *Egyptian Consul, Tel Aviv*.

22 July 1999

Meeting with Michel Rentenaar, *Netherlands Representative Office, Ramallah*.

24 July 1999

Meeting with HE Leo d'Aes, *Belgian Consul General, Jerusalem*.

27 July 1999

Meeting with Conny Mayers and Jason Davis, *US Consulate, Jerusalem*.

29 July 1999 (Dar At-Tifl, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem)

Meeting with HE Geoffrey William Hoon, *British Minister of State at the Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Office* and the accompanying delegation.

29 July 1999 (Addar Suites Hotel, Jerusalem)

Dinner on the occasion of the visit of a Japanese delegation of to the Region. With: Wataru Nishigahiro, *Head of the Delegation, Deputy Director General of Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau*; Takahiko Katsumata, *First Secretary, Embassy of Japan in the UK*; Masaaki Shiraishi, *Official, Diplomatic Record Office*; Taijiro Kimura, *Second Secretary, Delegation of Japan to the Conference of Disarmament*; Akira Endo, *Assistant Director, Overseas Establishments Division*; Hirofumi Miyake, *Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan in Egypt*; Kentaro Fujimoto, *Official, National Security Policy Division*; Kazuyuki Hanyu, *Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan in Saudi Arabia*; Katsuyoshi Hayashi, *Head of the Japanese Representative Office, Gaza*; Koichi Nakagawa, *Deputy Head of the Japanese Representative Office, Gaza*.



2 August 1999

Meeting with Katsuyoshi Hayashi, *Head of the Japanese Representative Office, Gaza.*

Meeting with HE Ahmed Sharif, *Egyptian Consul, Tel Aviv.*

3 August 1999

Meeting with Ryland Paulsen, *South African Representative Office, Ramallah.*

5 August 1999

Meeting with HE Karin Roxman, *Swedish Consul General, Jerusalem.*

16 August 1999

Meeting with HE Ahmed Sharif, *Egyptian Consul, Tel Aviv.*

17 August 1999

Meeting with HE Lars Jonsson, (new) *Swedish Consul General, Jerusalem.*

19 August 1999

Meeting with Ken Mukai, *Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tokyo.*

22 August 1999 (Al-Maqassed Hospital, Jerusalem)

Meeting with HE Jozias Johannes Van Aartsen, *Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands,* and the accompanying delegation.

24 August 1999

Meeting with Katsuyoshi Hayashi, *Head of the Japanese Representative Office, Gaza.*

31 August 1999

Meeting with Ryland Paulsen, *South African Representative Office, Ramallah.*

31 August 1999 (Al-Bardoni Restaurant, Ramallah)

Meeting with the visiting delegation from the Labor Party in the Netherlands headed by Ad Melkert, *MP, floor leader of the Netherlands Labor Party.*

5 September 1999 (American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem)

Meeting with HE Horst Freitag, *Head of the German Representative Office in Ramallah* accompanied by Dr. Horst Mehrländer, *Vice Minister of Economics of the German Federal State of Baden-Württemberg.*

6 September 1999

Meeting with Sue Heher, *South African Representative Office, Ramallah.*

7 September 1999

Meeting with HE Lars Jonsson, *Swedish Consul General, Jerusalem.*

8 September 1999 (Grand Park Hotel, Ramallah)

Meeting with new officials of the US Consulate General, Jerusalem.

13 September 1999

Meeting with Ryland Paulsen, *South African Representative Office, Ramallah.*

14 September 1999 (Bardoni Restaurant, Ramallah)

Lunch Meeting with a delegation of British Members of Parliament, mainly from the Labor Middle East Council.

20 September 1999

Meeting with Rachel Beer, *Political Officer, US Consulate, Jerusalem.*

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4 October 1999

Meeting with HE Ahmed Sharif, *Egyptian Consul, Tel Aviv.*

5 October 1999

Meeting with HE Leo d'Aes, *Belgian Consul General, Jerusalem*, accompanied by Hendrik Van de Velde, *Deputy Belgian Consul.*

8 October 1999 (St. Joseph Hospital, Sheikh Jarrah, Jerusalem)

Meeting with HE Hubert Veldrine, *French Foreign Affairs Minister*, and the accompanying delegation.

8 October 1999 (Swedish Consulate General, Greek Colony, West Jerusalem)

Meeting with HE Göran Persson, *Prime Minister of Sweden* accompanied by HE Lars Jonsson, *Swedish Consul General, Jerusalem.*

1 November 1999

Meeting with HE Robin Kealy, the British Consul General in Jerusalem.

3 November 1999

Meeting with Katsuyoshi Hayashi, *Japanese Representative Office, Gaza.*

3 November 1999

Meeting with Valerie Brownridge, *British Consulate, Jerusalem.*

4 November 1999 (US Consulate, Jerusalem)

Meeting with HE John Herbst, *US Consul General, Jerusalem*, and Philip Wilcox.

4 November 1999

Meeting with Ryland Paulsen, *South African Representative Office, Ramallah.*

Meeting with HE Ahmed Sharif, *Egyptian Consul, Tel Aviv.*

17 November 1999

Meeting with Dr. Marien Albo, *Romanian Representative Office, Ramallah.*

19 November 1999

Meeting with Brig. Helge Lerider, *Austrian Defense Attaché for Turkey and Israel, Austrian Embassy, Ankara.*

7 December 1999

Meeting with Rachel Beer and Conny Mayers, *US Consulate, Jerusalem.*

12 December 1999

Meeting with a group of 16 Senior US Congressional Advisors - hosted by AIPAC, Israel Office - who serve Members of Congress on the House International Relations Committee, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, and the Senate and House Armed Services Committees, US.

15 December 1999

Meeting with HE Lars Jonsson, *Swedish Consul General, Jerusalem.*

18 December 1999

Meeting with HE Lars Jonsson, *Swedish Consul General, Jerusalem.*

22 December 1999

Meeting with HE Ahmed Sharif, *Egyptian Consul, Tel Aviv.*

## PASSIA Forum

20 May 1999

### The Israeli Elections and the Future of the Peace Process

Speaker: Dr. Ron Pundik, *Economic Cooperation Foundation, Tel Aviv*

Discussant: Dr. Said Zeedani, *Al-Quds University, Jerusalem*

Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA, with Dr. Ron Pundik (middle) and Dr. Said Zeedani (right).



Audience at the PASSIA Forum on *The Israeli Elections* at the Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

30 June 1999

### US Policy on the Middle East Peace Process

Speaker: Dr. William Quandt, *Edward R. Stettinius Professor of Government and Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia*

Discussant: Afif Safieh, *PLO Delegate to the UK and the Holy See*

Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA, with Dr. William Quandt (left) and Afif Safieh (middle).



20 November 1999

**Fifty Years of German Basic Law and the Meaning of a Constitutional Order for the Palestinians**

Speaker: Dr. Hertha Däubler-Gmelin, *Federal Minister of Justice, Germany*  
Discussants: Dr. Ghassan Faramand, *Director, Judicial Education Program, Institute of Law, Birzeit University* and Haitham Zoubi, *Attorney, Nablus*



Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, with (from left to right): Dr. Ghassan Faramand, Dr. Hertha Däubler-Gmelin, Haitham Zoubi and Dr. Matthes Buhbe (FES, Jerusalem).

Audience at the Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem





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## 3. *The Question of Jerusalem*

### *Introduction*

As Jerusalem has been and will continue to be the core of the Palestine Question, it is also a primary focus of PASSIA's activities. Being located in East Jerusalem, PASSIA experiences first-hand the impact that Israeli policies and practices in the city have on the activities of the city's Palestinian institutions, the life of the Palestinian people, and their relations with the rest of the Palestinian Territories.

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. These speakers have stimulated dialogue and debate on the Question of Jerusalem.

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 the Israeli Municipality, and future scenarios for the status of the city.

Besides hosting meetings, PASSIA's projects on the Question of Jerusalem include academic research, documentation, publication and cooperation with other institutions to increase both awareness and knowledge concerning the various aspects of the Holy City. A special pilot project was undertaken throughout 1999, entitled *Arab Jerusalem Neighborhoods: Resource and Planning Database*; details are described below.



## *Meetings on Jerusalem 1999*

8 June 1999

### **The Jerusalem Watch Project**

Meeting of the Jerusalem Committee of the PNGO Network.

19 July 1999

(PLC, Al-Bireh)

### **Final Status Negotiations and the Issue of Jerusalem**

Meeting of the Jerusalem Committee at the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC).  
(Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi gave a talk on *Jerusalem in the Final Status Talks*)

6 October 1999

### **Jerusalem from an Islamic Perspective**

Meeting with the Boston Civil Rights Delegation accompanied with Tom Reilly, Massachusetts Attorney General; Tom O'Brien, Chief Economic Development Officer; Sandra Henriquez, Boston Housing Authority, and Districts Attorneys from various districts in Massachusetts; with Rabbi David Rosen, Anti-Defamation League, Jerusalem.

## *Conferences and Workshops*

17 April 1999

### **Jerusalem IDs and the Awaited Decision of the Supreme Israeli Court**

Place: Hind Al-Husseini Faculty, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem  
Organized by: Civic Forum Institute, Jerusalem

30-31 May 1999

### **Workshop: Developing and Activating the Tourist Sector in the Holy City of Jerusalem**

Place: The Jerusalem Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Jerusalem  
Organized by: Higher Council for the Arab Tourist Industry, Jerusalem

30 October 1999

### **Palestinian Experts Conference on Permanent Status Issues: The Question of Jerusalem**

Place: An-Najah University, Nablus  
Organized by: Palestine National Council, Chairman Office, Gaza

2 November 1999

### **The Effects of Israeli Laws on the Situation of Jerusalem and on Citizens' Rights**

Place: Arab Thought Forum, Jerusalem  
Organized by: Arab Thought Forum, in cooperation with the Center for Social and Civil Research and Rights at the Orient House, Jerusalem

### **PASSIA was also invited to the following events but unable to attend:**

11-13 January 1999

### **Towards Jerusalem – Mediterranean Nations, Cultures and Religions Looking for Center**

Place: Bari Italy  
Organized by: The Europe-Near East Center (ENEC), Bari/Italy

23 January 1999

**Jerusalem - An Open City for Today and Tomorrow**

Place: French Senate, Paris

Organized by: The Association for Jerusalem in the French Senate, Paris

23-25 February 1999

**Arab Jerusalem's Future**

Place: Casablanca, Morocco

Organized by: Euro-Arab Studies Center, Paris

2-4 October 1999

**Jerusalem and its Vicinity, a Struggle for Identity and Land**

Place: Royal Cultural Center, Amman

Organized by: Jerusalem Day Committee, Amman

8-11 November 1999

**Jerusalem Today**

Place: Beirut, Lebanon

Organized by: Organization of Arab Architects (OAA) and the Federation of Arab Engineers, Beirut

13-15 December 1999

**The International Conference on Jerusalem**

Place: Chatham House, London

Organized by: Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALESCO)

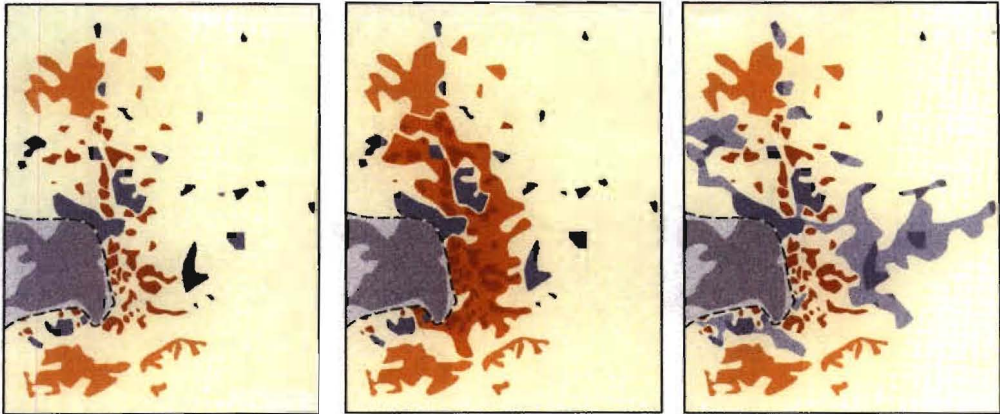
## *Research and Publication*

From its foundation in 1987, PASSIA's activities focused much attention on the many aspects of the Jerusalem Question. From the beginning, projects included research, publication and dissemination of information, all of which were intended to redress the existing dearth of information and research from Palestinian perspectives on the pressing issues that make up the Jerusalem Question. In 1999, focus was placed on the completion of a pilot project begun late in 1998, called ***Arab Jerusalem Neighborhoods: Resource and Planning Database***.

The overall goal and purpose of the project was to explore on a pilot basis ways and means to shape and ensure a viable future for Arab Jerusalem and to this end to provide local communities with technical and organizational counsel to formulate and implement local development strategies. PASSIA commissioned Land Use Planning and Documentation Consultant Jan de Jong to undertake a baseline survey for a sample area, comprised of northeastern East Jerusalem (Anata, Hizma, Az-Za'im, 'Isawiyya, and Shu'fat Refugee Camp), and to create for one local community (Anata) a Developmental Constraint and Potential Inventory, using aerial photography, topo-cadastral maps, terrain exploration and statistics.

The Question  
of Jerusalem

The following maps illustrate the basic premise of the project in a simplified manner: The left map shows Jerusalem according to the current situation; the map in the center suggests an outline for the rehabilitation of Arab East Jerusalem focusing on the connection of the hinterland, and the map to the right shows the situation that will most likely result in the event of the failure to rehabilitate the area.



purple = Israeli West Jerusalem  
light orange = urban periphery

blue = Israeli settlement

red = Arab Jerusalem neighborhoods

dark orange (middle map) = suggested outline for rehabilitation

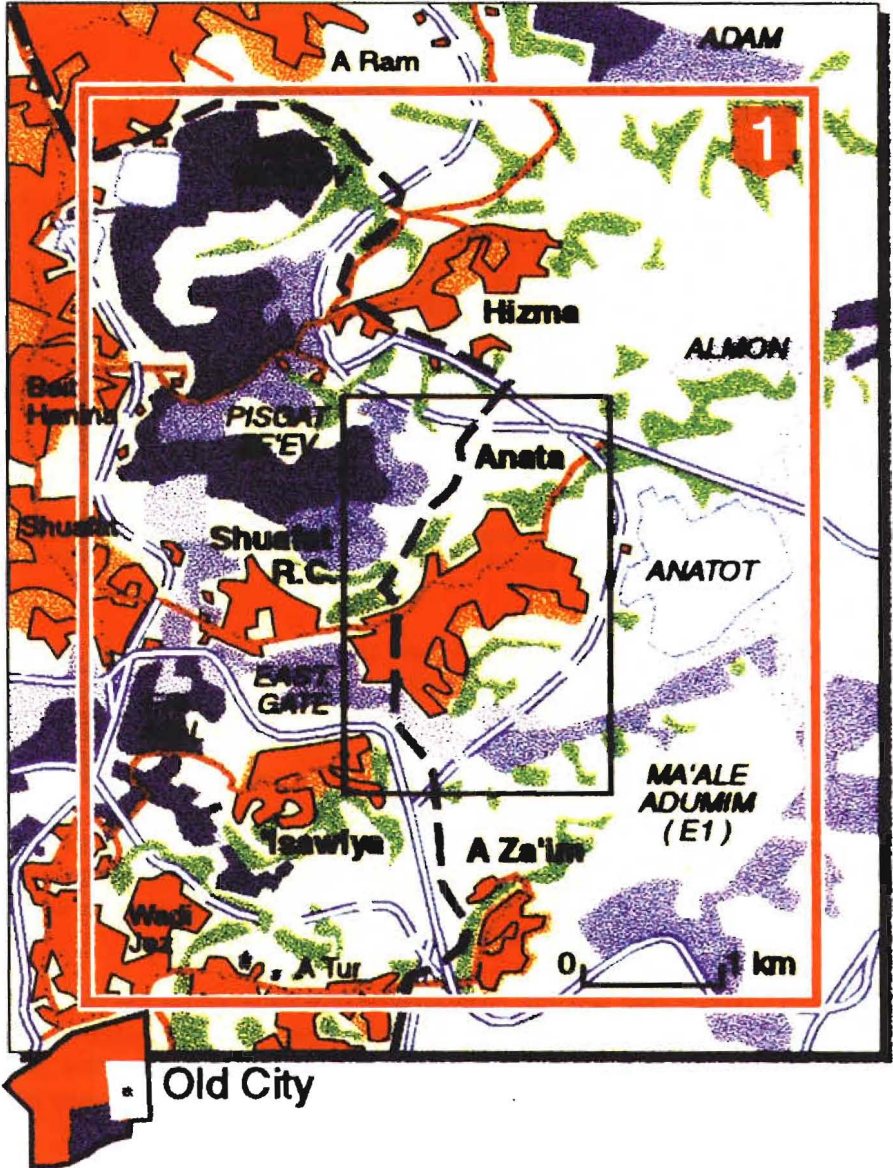
It should be noted here that since PASSIA seeks to represent a viable option for the rehabilitation of Arab neighborhoods, it focuses on suggestions that do not prejudice the current urban plans as imposed by Israel.

The project promoted a *citizen-oriented 'bottom-up'* approach. It involved representatives from the local community (i.e., Anata) in the various stages and tasks of the project, including fieldwork and data compilation. The project attempted to outline step for the rehabilitation of local communities. Various scenarios were drawn up for what can be done and what will happen if nothing is done, which were then presented in a multimedia show.

The project's crucial core was the establishment of a database on the socioeconomic situation and physical infrastructure of these areas. Vital information is now available that makes drafting and assessing urban development plans and regeneration policies possible. (Publication of the results with a set of maps will follow in 2000).



Project Area





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## 4. Religious Studies Unit

Since issues pertaining to religion and interfaith matters have always had a special place in its regular meeting program, and having realized the increasing need for better understanding between the various religious communities, in early 1998, PASSIA decided to establish a *Religious Study Unit* devoted to inter-religious dialogue and activities. In view of the fact that encounters between people of very different religious traditions take place in the close proximity of Palestinian cities and neighborhoods, the unit aims to focus on the role and significance of religion for different people and to promote understanding of and respect for others in order to address this religious diversity. This process takes place by learning about each other's faith, addressing issues pertaining to inter-religious relations, including current problems within and between the prevailing religious communities, and related activities that contribute to the elimination of misconceptions and stereotypes.

The PASSIA Religious Studies Unit combines the following activities, some of which are implemented or held 'off the record' to allow for the frankest exchange and debates possible:

- ❑ **COORDINATING MEETINGS AND BRIEFINGS:** Meetings and brainstorming sessions involving members of PASSIA's Religious Studies Unit and local and foreign counterparts/project partners from the three monotheistic religions with the aim to foster coordination of ongoing and future activities.
- ❑ **DIALOGUE SESSIONS AND ROUNDTABLES:** Meetings with representatives from one or more of the three monotheistic religions, which usually include a guest speaker presenting a certain topic related to inter- or intra-religious aspects followed by a discussion.
- ❑ **SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS:** Encounters on a specific topic, involving either members of the three monotheistic religions or only representatives of the Christian or Muslim community. These seminars and workshops are intended to help develop methods to find common ground and to allow different religions to work in harmony and on an equal footing.
- ❑ **CONFERENCES:** Participation in conferences, here and abroad, that deal with aspects of religion, belief and interfaith relations, or foster an open and free debate on religious issues and aspects as they concern the people in the Holy Land.
- ❑ **PUBLICATION:** Documentation and publication of research studies or proceedings from meetings/seminars.

Activities of the Religious Studies Unit in 1999 included the following (presented in the following order: date; place; topic; speaker; participants):

## *Coordination Meetings and Briefings*

2 February 1999 Noon Center for Qur'anic Studies, Ramallah

### ***Issues of Intra-Muslim Conflicts and Discourse***

Meeting with Sheikh Bassam Jarrar, Director, Noon Center for Qur'anic Studies, Al-Bireh

14 February 1999 PASSIA, Jerusalem

### ***The US Congressional Bill on Religious Freedom - Its Meaning and Implications***

Participants: Robert Seiple, Special Representative to the Secretary of State (Ambassadorial Rank) for Religious Freedom, Washington, DC (accompanied by Conny Mayers, First Political Officer, US Consulate General, Jerusalem); Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer in Islamic Studies, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem; Deniz Altayli, PASSIA Program Director

30 March 1999 PASSIA, Jerusalem

### ***The Meaning of the Muslim Feast Eid Al-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice)***

Briefing for Jewish/Israeli Labor Party leaders in preparation for their visit to Muslim villages on the occasion of the feast led by Rabbi Michael Melchior, Chief Rabbi of Norway

15 June 1999 PASSIA, Jerusalem

### ***Aspects and Impact of Interfaith Dialogue on the Middle East Peace Process***

Participants: Dr. Peter Idenburg from the International Dialogues Foundation, The Hague, Netherlands; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway

26 June 1999 PASSIA, Jerusalem

### ***The Role of NGOs in Religious Dialogue***

Meeting with the Funders Group, Jewish Federation/Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago accompanied by Linda Epstein, Director, Israel Office, Jewish Federation of Chicago, West Jerusalem

Participants: Izzat Abdul Hadi, Director, Bisan Center for Research and Development, Ramallah

8 July 1999 PASSIA, Jerusalem

### ***Presenting the Idea of a Discussion Group on the Holy Places in Jerusalem***

Meeting with Rabbi David Rosen, Director, Anti-Defamation League, West Jerusalem

10-11 August 1999 PASSIA, Jerusalem

### ***The Crisis in Nazareth and the Role of the World Council of Churches in Conflict Resolution***

Meeting with Ms. Salpy Eskidjian from the World Council of Churches, Geneva

18 September 1999 PASSIA-Religious Study Unit, Ramallah

### ***The PASSIA-Religious Study Unit – Activities, Plans and Problems***

Meeting with a visiting delegation from the Ford Foundation: Stephen Lawry, Head, Middle East Regional Office, Cairo; Alison Bernstein, Vice President for Media, Arts and Culture, New York; Basma Al-Husseiny, Arts and Culture Program Consultant.

1 December 1999 PASSIA, Jerusalem

### ***The Interfaith Conference in Amman and PASSIA Future Role in Such Events***

Meeting with Rev. Dr. Chung Lee, Won Buddhism United Nations Office, New York



## Dialogue Sessions and Roundtables

12 January 1999

PASSIA, Jerusalem

### ***Afghanistan, Iran and Islam – A Personal Perspective***

Speaker: Dr. Barnett Rubin, Council on Foreign Relations, New York

Participants: Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Mustafa Abu Sway, Dr. Sami Musallam, Dr. Ishaq Al-Qutub, Dr. Albert Aghazarian, Abdel Salam Abu Shkedem; Vanessa Kent, Planning & Development Department, PLC; Allison Hodgkins, Academic Director, World Learning

21 February 1999

PASSIA, Jerusalem

### ***The Fears of the Palestinian Christian Minority Arising from the Possibility of an Islamic State Emerging in Palestine***

Speaker: Rev. Maroun Lahham, Rector of the Latin Patriarchate Seminary of Jerusalem

Participants: Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Khaled Al-Qutub, Abdel Salam Abu Shkedem, Dr. Harry Hagopian, Adnan Al-Husseini, Sheikh Mohammed Hussein, Atallah Hannah, Dr. Ishaq Al-Qutub, Dr. Mohammed Abdeen.

17 March 1999

PASSIA, Jerusalem

### ***The Dispute between the Christian Churches and Islamic Waqf over Al-Khanqa in the Old City of Jerusalem***

Speaker: Adnan Hussein, Director of the Waqf, Jerusalem

Participants: Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Sheikh Hassan Yousef, Sheikh Mohammed Hussein, Said El-Qeiq, Dr. Ismail Nawahdah, Sheikh Ekrima Sabry, Sheikh Abdel Athim Salhab, Sheikh Taysir Tamimi, Dr. Ibrahim Abu Salem, Dr. Sami Musallam.

25 May 1999

PASSIA, Jerusalem

### ***Interfaith Dialogue on Muslim-Christian-Jewish Issues***

Participants: Rabbi Yitzhaq Ralbag, Rabbi D. Brodman, Bishop Munib Younan, Mustafa Abu Sway, Father Maroun Lahham, Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Mahdi Abdul Hadi.

17 June 1999

PASSIA - Grand Park Hotel, Ramallah

### ***Muslim-Christian Relations in Palestine Today (I): Minority-Majority Relationship***

Speakers: Father Maroun Laham, Archimandrite Attalah Hannah, Sheikh Bassam Jarrar, Sheikh Hassan Yousef.

Participants: Nahla Dibsi, Mahmoud Abu Khdeir, Mohammed Al-Katawi, Farid Majaj, Ibrahim Assaf, Mahfouz Abu Turk, Younes Hussein Eid.



From left to right:

Father Maroun Laham, Sheikh Hassan Yousef, Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Archimandrite Attalah Hannah, Sheikh Bassam Jarrar

Audience, Grand Park  
Hotel, Ramallah



28 July 1999    PASSIA-Religious Study Unit Ramallah  
***Muslim-Christian Relations in Palestine Today (II): Palestinian Christians in a Possible Islamic State***

Speakers: Dr. Hamzeh Zeib, Dr. Ismael Nawahdah, Dr. Mohammed Abdeen, Dr. Abdel Mun'em Abu Qahouq, and Dr. Said Al-Qiq.

Participants: Sheikh Taysir Al-Tamimi, Hussein Al-Mahdi, Sheikh Jamil Hamami.

14 August 1999    PASSIA-Religious Study Unit Ramallah  
***Muslim-Christian Relations in Palestine Today (III): Christianity and Liberalism in Palestine***

Speaker: Reverend Dr. Naim Ateek, Head of Sabeel Center, Jerusalem

Participants: Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Dr. Said Al-Qiq, Sheikh Taysir Tamimi, Hussein Al-Mahdi, Dr. Merei' Abdul Rahman, Dena Asfour.

24 August 1999    PASSIA, Jerusalem  
***Interfaith Dialogue on Muslim-Christian-Jewish Issues: A Suggested Statement from the Chief Rabbinate Addressing the Issue of the Holy Places in Jerusalem***

Participants: Rabbi Yitzhaq Ralbag, Father Maroun Lahham, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Sheikh Jamil Hamami

25 September 1999    PASSIA-Religious Study Unit Ramallah  
***Muslim-Christian Relations in Palestine (IV): The Perspective of the 'Other' in Islam***

Speaker: Sheikh Jamil Hamami

Participants: Samia Khoury, Rev. Hanna Mas'ad, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Father Maroun Lahham, Suheil Odeh, Sheikh Hassan Yousef, Elias Tabban, Ibrahim Shoufani, Dr. Sa'id Al-Qiq, Father Jamal Du'aibes, Fuad Snousian, Ajaj Ma'ay'ah, Tareq Hijazin, Dr. Hamza Dib.

31 October 1999    PASSIA, Jerusalem  
***Interfaith Dialogue on Muslim-Christian-Jewish Issues***

Participants: Rabbi Yitzhaq Ralbag, Rabbi D. Brodman, Dr. Trond Bakkevig, Father Maroun Lahham, Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Mahdi Abdul Hadi.

1 November 1999    PASSIA, Jerusalem  
***Jerusalem from the Muslim and Christian Perspectives***

Meeting with a visiting delegation from the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) accompanied by Martin Raffel, Associate Executive Vice-Chairman and Director, Task Force on Israel and International Concerns, New York

28 November 1999                      PASSIA-Religious Study Unit Ramallah  
***Muslim-Christian Relations in Palestine Today (V): Discussion of the Perspective of the 'Other' in Islam and Christianity***  
Participants: Lutfi Lahham, Atallah Hanna, Father Maroun Lahham, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Sheikh Abdel Atheme Salhab, Sheikh Taysir Tamimi, Dr. Ibrahim Abu Salem, Idreis Al-Hajjah , Kr. Mohammad Al-Saliebi, Dr. Peter Madrous, Rafiq Khoury, Ibrahim Du'aibis, Sheikh Ekrima Sabry, Sheikh Mohammed Hussein , Dr. Najie Abdel Jabbar.

28 November 1999                      PASSIA, Jerusalem  
***Interfaith Dialogue on Muslim-Christian-Jewish Issues: Justice in the Sources of the Three Monotheistic Faiths***  
Participants: Rabbi Yitzhaq Ralbag, Rabbi D. Brodman, Dr. Trond Bakkevig, Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway.

5 December 1999                      PASSIA-Religious Study Unit Ramallah  
***Muslim-Christian Relations in Palestine Today (VI): Discussion of the Perspective of the 'Other' in Islam and Christianity***  
Participants: Hanna Mas'ad, Father Maroun Lahham, Ekrima Sabry, Sheikh Taysir Tamimi, Rafiq Khoury, Lutfi Laham, Dr. Mohammed Salibi, Dr. Kamal Salman, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Dr. Ibrahim Abu Salem, Sheikh Jamil Hamami.

## *Seminars and Workshops*

22 January 1999                      PASSIA, Jerusalem  
***Seminar on the Muslim, Christian and Jewish Perspectives on Jerusalem***  
Speakers: Rev. Maroun Lahham, *Rector of the Latin Seminary of Jerusalem* (Christian perspective), Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, *Head of PASSIA* (Muslim perspective), and Rabbi Yitzhak Ralbag, *Head of the Religious Jewish Council, Jerusalem*, (Jewish perspective); attended by a group of 20 future priests of the Latin Church, Beit Jala.

15 March 1999                      PASSIA, Jerusalem  
***The Role of German Churches in Development Assistance towards Palestinian Civil Society in East Jerusalem***  
Meeting with members of a visiting delegation from the Protestant Association for Cooperation in Development (EZE), Bonn, led by Cay Gabbe, Ministerial Counselor at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Bonn; co-organized by Judeh Majaj, Director of the East Jerusalem YMCA  
Participants: Cay Gabbe, Monika Huber and Gabriele Fischer-Wilms, (EZE); Judeh Majaj; Sheikh Jamil Hamami

14 September 1999                      PASSIA-Religious Study Unit, Ramallah  
***Arabic Language Study in Japan - Translating the Holy Qur'an to Japanese***  
Workshop Speaker: Professor Osamu Ikeda, Professor and Former President, University of Osaka for Foreign Studies, Japan  
Participants: Katsuyoshi Hayashi, Head of the Japanese Representative Office to the PA; Sheikh Bassam Jarrar, Noon Center for Qur'anic Studies, Al-Bireh; Tareq Hamida; Lecturer in Islamic Studies; Hussein Al-Mahdi, Mustafa Abu Sway and Said Al-Qiq, Lecturers in Islamic Studies, Al-Quds University; Bassem Al-Bassoumi, Lecturer, Educational-Scientific College, Ramallah; Jamal Basha, Arabic Language Teacher, Ramallah; Imad Hamdi Qadi, Teacher, Hashemite School, Ramallah; Nidal Mahmoud, Computer Engineer; Abeer Amro, Assistant Manager; Sheikh Jamil Hamami; Marwan Khawaja.

## Conferences

15 March 1999                      YWCA, Jerusalem  
***Holy Land – Hollow Jubilee: God, Justice and the Palestinians***  
Organized by the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, Jerusalem

13 June 1999                      King David Hotel, Jerusalem  
***Encounter with His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama and Richard C. Blum, Co-Founder, Inter-religious Friendship Group, Israel***  
Organized by the Inter-religious Friendship Council in Israel.

### **PASSIA was also invited to the following event but not able to attend:**

11-13 January 1999              Bari, Italy  
***Towards Jerusalem – Mediterranean Nations, Cultures and Religions Looking for Center***  
International Congress organized by the Europe-Near East Center (ENEC), Bari/Italy

9-11 April 1999                  London, UK  
***International Conference on Islamic Art, Culture and Civilization: Iran***  
Organized by the Institute of Islamic Studies, London, the University of Tehran, UNESCO, and the University of Strasbourg

9-10 May 1999                  Bari, Italy  
***Religions between History and Present***  
Organized by the Europe-Near East Center (ENEC), Italy

5-7 November 1999              Ditchley Park, Oxfordshire, UK  
***Islam and the West: Images, Media and Mutual Understanding***  
Organized by Wilton Park in association with the Oxford Center for Islamic Studies, UK

9-11 November 1999              Amman, Jordan  
***Conflicts and Religions in the Middle East***  
Organized by the Center for Research on Arms Control and Security (CRACS), Amman

22-25 November 1999          Wilton Park, UK  
***Islam and the West in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century***  
Organized by Wilton Park in association with the Oxford Center for Islamic Studies, UK

24 November–1 December 1999      Geneva, Switzerland  
***The World Council of Churches***  
Organized by the World Council of Churches, Cluster on Relations, Geneva

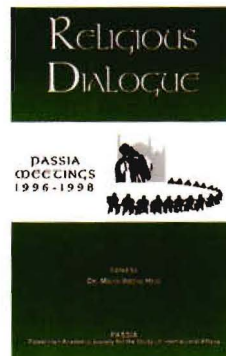


## Publications

### *Religious Dialogue – PASSIA Meetings 1995-1998*

Edited by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi  
January 1999 (English, pp. 81)

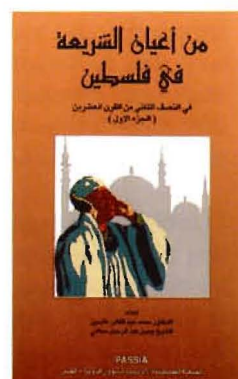
This volume is a selection of meetings, dialogue sessions and lectures on inter- and intra-faith issues that took place at PASSIA between 1995 and 1998. Tackling difficult current religious issues, these essays bring greater understanding to Muslim-Christian and Muslim-Christian-Jewish relations. Included are chapters entitled "Political Islam in the Arab World," "Secularism and Religion: Can They Exist Together? A Jewish Perspective," "The Fears of the Palestinian Christian Minority Arising from the Possibility of an Islamic State Arising in Palestine," and "Palestinian Christians of Today."



### *Shari'a Personalities in Palestine in the Twentieth Century*

Edited by Dr. Mohammed Abdeen  
and Sheikh Jamil Hamami  
December 1999 (Arabic, pp. 147)

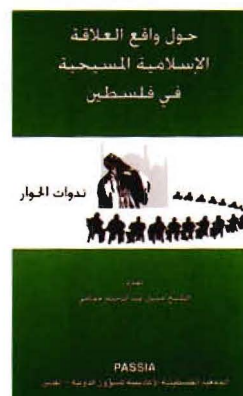
This who's who of Palestinian *shari'a* scholars contains biographies of over 50 prominent Islamic figures who are currently living and working in Palestine. Included is information about their personal and educational background, data on their involvement in Waqf, Zakat or charitable committees, any works that they have published as well as any political activities, deportations or imprisonment. The scholars are listed in alphabetical order and there are photos for most of them.



### *On Muslim-Christian Relations in Palestine*

Edited by Sheikh Jamil Hamami  
December 1999 (Arabic, pp. 269)

Based on a series of interfaith roundtable dialogues held at PASSIA, this anthology contains essays by prominent Muslim and Christian Palestinians analyzing Muslim-Christian relations in Palestine. The work examines the misinterpretation of religious texts and the use and misuse of them in daily life. The participants of the dialogue try to understand these religious texts in context, and in doing so encourage enhanced understanding between the Christian and Muslim communities. Topics covered include *Citizenship in an Islamic State*, *Religious Unity*, and *Muslim-Christian Relations in Palestine Now and in a Future Palestinian State*, *Perspective of the 'Other' in Islam and Christianity*, as well as the concepts of *Al-Jizya*, *dhimmis*.







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## 5. Seminar - Training & Education in International Affairs

### *Introduction*

Initiated in 1992, PASSIA's *Education and Training in International Affairs* program has served as a pioneer in the field of educational seminars for Palestinian graduates and professionals. The seminars are conducted by Palestinian and foreign experts of the highest level and aim at enabling the participants to deepen their knowledge and expertise in specific areas of international affairs. Subjects dealt with thus far include *Strategic Studies and Security*, *The European Union*, *Diplomacy and Protocol*, *The Foreign Policies of Arab States*, *Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution in the Middle East*, and *The US and Canada – Political Systems, Policy-Making and the Middle East*.

In focusing on ***Japan, Palestine and the Middle East***, the 1999 seminar recognized that Japan has been an important source of economic aid and diplomatic support for the Palestinian community over recent years, and in particular since the signing of the Oslo Accords between Israel and the Palestinians in 1993. Japan was among the countries that sent observers to monitor the Palestinian elections in January 1996, and its assistance has been crucial in economic development within the Palestinian areas. Among the wider Palestinian community, however, there is little knowledge about Japan, its history, its contribution in the peace process and its involvement in the region.

PASSIA's 1999 seminar on Japan was thus designed to provide the following:

1. a basic grounding in the concepts, processes and terminology of foreign policy-making and the knowledge required to apply these to the specific case of Japan;
2. an introduction to Japan's history, society, economy and political system;
3. the ability to understand and analyze Japan's role and position in international relations;
4. an examination of the actual policy positions of Japan toward the Middle East region and the peace process, and the effects these have on the particular case of the Palestinians.

## *The Seminar*

In December 1998, PASSIA's seminar team - Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA, Dr. Rosemary Hollis, Head of the Middle East Program at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, London, and Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA - began to consult with Palestinian and foreign scholars in order to plan and implement the seminar. At the beginning of January 1999, PASSIA advertised the seminar in the local press, *Al-Quds* and *Al-Ayyam*; notification was also given to national organizations such as universities, research centers, and institutions of the Palestinian Authority.

PASSIA received applications from all over the Palestinian Territories and all applicants were invited for interviews, which were conducted by Dr. Rosemary Hollis over the period 27-30 January 1999 in Jerusalem and Ramallah. Seventeen of the interviewees were selected to participate in the seminar, as well as four reserves.

In early February, each participant received a preparatory reading package with assorted articles and essays in order to familiarize themselves with the concepts of the seminar beforehand. The reading period included the preparation of a background paper, on an allocated topic, and all papers were later presented during the seminar. Subjects dealt with the basic characteristics of Japan, its political system and foreign policy decision-making, and its relation to the Middle East region in general and the Palestinians in particular. PASSIA Seminar Assistant Sawsan Baghdadi was at the participants' disposal for whatever help they needed.

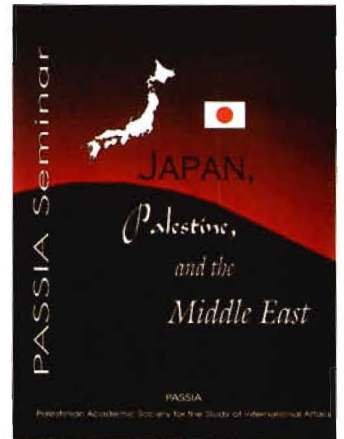
From 14 to 19 March 1999 the actual seminar took place at PASSIA with a series of lectures and related educational exercises conducted by local and Japanese experts as well as representatives from the Japanese diplomatic corps in Tel Aviv and Gaza. Travel, accommodation, food and all other expenses involved with participation in the course were provided for the participants.





During the seminar, PASSIA hosted an evening reception at the Ambassador Hotel in Jerusalem for all involved in the seminar as well as for representatives of Palestinian institutions, the international diplomatic corps and friends of PASSIA.

At the close of the seminar each participant was required to write, within four weeks, a second essay on a topic studied during the seminar. Participants who performed all required tasks were handed a certificate acknowledging their successful participation in the seminar program. PASSIA, meanwhile, transcribed all sessions and discussions of the seminar and compiled additional information to be published in the seminar report.



## Lecture Program

DAY ONE:	Sunday, 14 March	DAY TWO:	Monday, 15 March
8:30-9:00	Registration	9:00-10:30	Pre-Modern History of Japan <i>Prof. Ben-Ami Shillony</i>
9:00-11:00	Opening Remarks and Orientation <i>Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi</i> <i>Timothy Rothermel</i> <i>Dr. Rosemary Hollis</i>	11:00-13:00	Modern History of Japan <i>Prof. Ben-Ami Shillony</i>
11:30-13:00	Overview: The Axis of Japan's Foreign Policy <i>HE Yoshiji Nogami</i>	14:30-15:45	States and the International System - Overview <i>Dr. Rosemary Hollis</i>
14:30-15:45	Japanese Economic Development after World War II <i>Prof. Osamu Nariai</i>	16:00-17:15	Japan in the International System <i>Raquel Shaoul, with Dr. Rosemary Hollis</i>
16:00-17:15	Japan and the Asian Economy <i>Prof. Osamu Nariai</i>		

**DAY THREE: Tuesday, 16 March**

- 9:00-11:00 Participant Presentations  
*Dr. Rosemary Hollis*
- 11:30-13:00 Debate on the Japanese Economy  
*Prof. Osamu Nariai*
- 14:30-17:15 Participant Exercise - Film: The Story of a Friendship, Japan and Palestine with *Dr. Rosemary Hollis*

**DAY FOUR: Wednesday, 17 March**

- 9:00-10:30 The Political System of Contemporary Japan  
*Prof. Ikuo Kume*
- 11:00-13:00 Japan's Decision-Making Process and Debate on Japanese Politics  
*Prof. Ikuo Kume*
- 14:30-15:45 Japanese Software Industry  
*Kazuhiko Adachi*
- 16:00-17:15 Trends in Japanese Venture Business  
*Kazuhiko Adachi*

**DAY FIVE: Thursday, 18 March**

- 9:00-10:30 Economic Relations - Asia and the Middle East  
*Yoshiki Hatanaka*
- 11:00-13:00 Promotion of Private Investment in the Middle East – A Japanese Perspective  
*Yoshiki Hatanaka*
- 14:30-15:45 Political Relations between Japan and the Middle East  
*Prof. Akifumi Ikeda*
- 16:00-17:15 Japan: New Political Approach to the Middle East  
*Raquel Shaoul*

**DAY SIX: Friday, 19 March**

- 9:00-10:30 Japan's Contribution to Palestinian Society  
*Katsuyoshi Hayashi*
- 11:00-12:00 Palestinian Perspectives on Japan and the Japanese  
*Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi*
- 13:00-14:30 Debate on Japan and the Middle East  
*Prof. Akifumi Ikeda and Raquel Shaoul*
- 15:00-16:30 Participant Feedback and Conclusion of Seminar  
*Dr. Rosemary Hollis*

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## 6. *Civil Society Empowerment Through Training and Skills Development*

### *Introduction*

Palestine presents a unique challenge for institution building, and the establishment of both an effective Palestinian civil society and a functioning public administration is a critical component of the state-building process. Against this background and due to the fact that there is no formal training to impart employers the needed managerial and organizational skills, the PASSIA project *Civil Society Empowerment through Training and Skills Development* aims to empower civil society practitioners, professionals and university graduates by strengthening their analytical, planning and communications abilities through hands-on training. The overall goal was to enable the trainees to participate more actively and effectively in policy-making processes and other important tasks in their civil society as well as to take on the domestic challenges that the future will present.

### *The Program*

PASSIA's Civil Society Empowerment project is designed to assist in the human resource and institutional development of nascent Palestinian infrastructures. It is primarily geared towards Palestinian civil society practitioners, but also addresses government personnel with specific responsibility for policy formulation and project implementation as well as other professionals keen to enhance their analytical, planning and managerial skills.

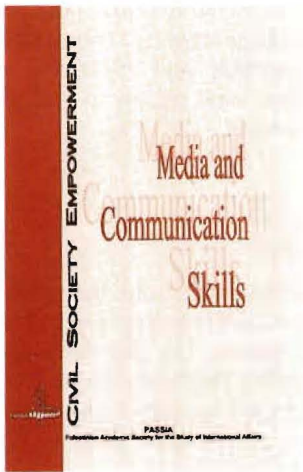
Each seminar comprises of the following interrelated activities:

- (a) *Application and Selection of Participants.* The training program is advertised in the local press with a three-week period for applications. Applicants are then invited for interviews, on the basis of which the selection is made. In accordance with PASSIA's policy, the interviews and selection are conducted by an external interviewer.
- (b) *Research and Preparation.* Upon selection, participants are provided with a preparatory reading package containing materials that allow them to familiarize themselves with the basic issues in advance of the seminar. Furthermore,

each participant is given a paper assignment to prepare for presentation during the training program.

- (c) *Training.* A five-day intensive training course with lectures on conceptual frameworks and functional skills given by local and international experts. Since the programs' primary aim is to impart practical skills, the seminars include activities that call on participants to actively employ the information they learn in their places of employment. The training course is followed by one or two follow-up workshops with the aim to link the previous training to actual issues or real-world situations. Participants prepare for the workshops by doing practical assignments.
- (d) *Conclusion.* Participants who fulfill all requirements will receive a certificate for the course taken. PASSIA prepares the proceedings of the training program and publishes them in the form of a handbook.

It should be noted that the two training programs completed in 1999 were held for the second time but in Ramallah in order to facilitate the participation of more Gazans than those able to come to Jerusalem, where most of PASSIA's activities take place.



## *Training Program on Media & Communication Skills*

Good governance and civil society depend on an effective flow of information and communications. Organizations need to be able to effectively convey their respective messages. In order to take advantage of the various forms of media, organizations need people with strong public speaking, writing and PR skills. The PASSIA training program on *Media and Communication Skills* has been specifically designed for those who are active in advocacy,

good governance and public awareness issues and is aimed at achieving increased effectiveness of media in support of civil society concerns (including mass media, public opinion, and fundraising). The training program, which was the second of its kind, took place from 28 June to 1 July 1999 at the Tourist Hotel in Al-Bireh and included verbal and nonverbal communication skills and interactive practice sessions, exercises and case studies.

## Lecture Program

### DAY ONE: Monday, 28 June

8.30-9:00	Registration		15.15-17.00 Participants Assignments <i>(as prepared during the reading period)</i>
9:00-9:30	Welcoming Address / Opening Remarks <i>Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi</i>		
9.30-10.30	Civil Society - Conceptual Framework <i>Dr. Jamil Hilal</i>		
10.45-12.15	Civil Society, the Policy Process and the Media <i>Hisham Abdallah</i>		
13:30-15:00	Introduction to Media and Communications (1) <i>Rami G. Khouri</i>		
15:15-16.45	Contd.		

### DAY THREE: Wednesday, 30 June

9:00-10:30	Strategies and Techniques for Effective Action (1) <i>Dr. Nabil Khatib</i>
10.45-12.15	Strategies and Techniques for Effective Action (2) <i>Dr. Nabil Khatib</i>
13.30-17.00	Effective Presentations and Communications (2) (with exercise) <i>Rami G. Khouri</i>



### DAY TWO: Tuesday, 29 June

9:00-10:30	Communication Strategies and Techniques (1) <i>Dr. Tayseer Masharqa</i>
10.45-12.15	Communication Strategies and Techniques (2) <i>Dr. Tayseer Masharqa</i>
13.30-15.00	Effective Presentations and Communications (1) <i>Rami G. Khouri</i>

### DAY FOUR: Thursday, 1 July

9:00-10:30	Public & Media Relations – Reflections of a Palestinian Diplomat <i>HE Afif Safieh</i>
10.45-12.15	Public & Media Relations <i>Dr. Nash'at Al-Aqtash</i>
13.30-15.00	contd.

15.15-17.00 Wrap-up of the Seminar –  
Evaluation and Assignment  
(for Follow-up Workshop)

**FOLLOW-UP WORKSHOP:  
22 July 1999**

**Assignment:**

Prepare a **detailed** communication plan  
for your own organization that aims  
either at (either of the following):

- Promotion/Public Relations;
- Membership;
- etc.



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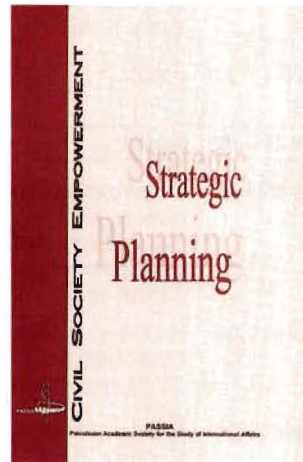
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## *Training Program on Strategic Planning*

The training program on *Strategic Planning* took place from 5-8 August 1999 at PASSIA's seminar facilities in Ramallah (Kharraz Building) and aimed to impart practical skills in planning and management. These skills will help organizations to translate their overall aims into a workable strategy, while taking into consideration both external and internal environmental challenges and changes. The subject of strategic planning was chosen because strategic planning is a significant administrative and managerial tool whose use is crucial in defining future directions. Only by knowing where an institution is going is it possible to set priorities and strategies and viable goals to improve its performance.





## Lecture Program

### DAY ONE: Thursday, 5 August 1999

- 8.30-9:00 Registration
- 9:00-9:30 Welcoming Address /  
Opening Remarks  
*Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi*
- 9.30-10.30 Civil Society - Conceptual  
Framework  
*Izzat Abdul Hadi*
- 10.45-12.15 Introduction to Strategic  
Planning (Key Issues)  
*Zainab Salbi*
- 13:30-15:00 contd.
- 15:15-16.45 Participants Assignment

### DAY TWO: Friday, 6 August 1999

- 9:00-10:30 Organization and Man-  
agement of NGOs (1)  
*Zainab Salbi*
- 10.45-12.15 contd.
- 13.30-15.00 Aspects of Institutional  
Development (Fundraising,  
Donors Relations, PR, Advo-  
cacy, Networking)  
*Kathy Sullivan*
- 15.15-17.00 contd.

### DAY THREE: Saturday, 7 August 1999

- 9:15-10:45 Organization & Manage-  
ment of NGOs (3): Vision,  
Goal-setting, Planning,  
Development Priorities  
*Zainab Salbi*
- 11.00-13.00 Institution Building – A  
Case Study from Palestine  
*Dr. Hanan Ashrawi*
- 13.30-15.00 Strategic Thinking and  
Planning in the Palestinian  
Context  
*Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi*

- 15.15-17.00 Exercise  
*with Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi*

### DAY FOUR: Sunday, 8 August 1999

- 9:00-10:30 Monitoring and Evaluation  
(M+E) as part of the Project  
Cycle  
*Hanan Rabani*
- 10.45-12.15 M+E (contd.)
- 14.00- Wrap-up of the Seminar –  
Evaluation – Workshop As-  
signment

### FOLLOW-UP WORKSHOP: 9 September 1999

#### Assignment:

Based on what you have learned during the seminar, try to draft a strategic plan for the re-establishment of the Arab Municipality of Jerusalem (2-3 typed pages or some 1,000-1,400 words).

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## 7. Conferences and Workshops

As a major Palestinian academic institution and think tank dealing with international affairs and the Palestine Question, PASSIA is invited to many conferences, seminars and workshops that take place at both local and international venues.

Listed below are all conferences PASSIA was invited to attend throughout the year 1999. (For conferences and workshops on the subject of Jerusalem see Chapter 3):

28 February 1999

### **Conference of Academies' Presidents from the United States, Egypt, Jordan, Palestine and Israel**

Place: Grand Park Hotel, Ramallah

Organized by: Palestine Academy for Science and Technology, Al-Bireh

3 March 1999

### **Jordan After the Death of King Hussein**

Place/Organizer: Al-Liqa' Center for Religious and Heritage Studies in the Holy Land, Bethlehem

(Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi gave a talk on *Jordan in the Post-King Hussein Era*)

16 March 1999

### **Democracy and Governance Partners Meeting**

Place: Grand Park Hotel, Ramallah

Organized by: USAID West Bank and Gaza Mission, Tel Aviv/Jerusalem

19-20 March 1999

### **Informal EuroMeSCo Senior Officials Seminar on the Euro-Mediterranean Political and Security Partnership**

Place: German Foreign Office, Bonn, Germany

Organized by: Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (Research Institute for International Affairs), Ebenhausen, Germany

19-20 April 1999

### **Meeting of the EuroMeSCo Working Group on Integration and on Sub-regional Cooperation in the Middle East**

Place: Sheraton Hotel, Cairo

Organized by: Al-Ahram Center, Cairo

(Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi gave a presentation titled *Sub-regional Cooperation: The Case of the Middle East – A Palestinian View*)

26 April 1999

**The Role of the Political Party**

Place/Organizer: MIFTAH – The Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy, Jerusalem

26-28 April 1999

**2<sup>nd</sup> Palestinian Geographic Conference: The Palestinian State - Elements and Components**

Place: Hind Al-Husseini Faculty, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem  
Organized by: The Palestinian National Commission for Education, Science & Culture, Ramallah, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem, and University Professors' Association, Gaza

27 April 1999

**USAID Financial Regulations Workshop**

Place: Grand Park Hotel, Ramallah  
Organized by: USAID West Bank and Gaza Mission, Tel Aviv/Jerusalem

5 July 1999

**The Royal College of Defense Studies' Middle East Phase**

Place/Organizer: Royal College of Defence Studies, London  
(Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi gave a lecture on *the Arab-Israeli Conflict-the Palestinian Perspective*)

17-18 June 1999

**The Annual Soreff Symposium of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy**

Place: Park Hyatt Hotel, Washington, DC  
Organized by: The Washington Institute for Near East Policy  
(Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi gave a presentation titled: *Impact of the Israeli Elections - View from the Analysts*)

11-15 July 1999

**34<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology: Multiple Modernities in an Era of Globalization**

Place: Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace, Hebrew University, Jerusalem  
Organized by: International Institute of Sociology  
(Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi gave a presentation titled: *The Role of Israeli & Palestinian Civil Society in the Peace Process*)

14-21 August 1999

**So As Not To Forget: Memorial Day of the Falling of Tal Az-Za'atar Refugee Camp on 12 August 1976 and Memorial Day of the Burning of Al-Aqsa Mosque on 21 August 1969**

Place: Community Center, Jericho  
Organized by: Committee for the Promotion of Tourism in the Governorate of Jericho  
(Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi gave a presentation titled: *Jerusalem and the Challenges of the Present and the Future*)

25-26 August 1999

**Workshop in Partnership**

Place: Jericho Resort Hotel, Jericho  
Organized by: Care International, West Bank, Gaza and Jerusalem

15-16 September 1999

**Meeting of the EuroMeSCo Working Group on Integration and Sub-Regional Cooperation**

Place: Tel Aviv University

Organized by: Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, Tel Aviv

(Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi participated in a panel on the *Barcelona Partnership* and outlined the Palestinian perspective)

17-18 September 1999

**The Palestinian Experts Conference on Permanent Status Issues**

Place: Best Eastern Hotel, Ramallah

Organized by: MIFTAH, Jerusalem

(Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi gave a presentation titled: *The Question of Jerusalem in the Final Status Talks*)

7 October 1999

**USAID Workshop on Requests for Advance**

Place: Civic Forum Office, Dahiet Al-Barid

Organized by: USAID West Bank and Gaza Mission, Tel Aviv/Jerusalem

8-9 November 1999

**The Future of the Palestinian Authority**

Place: Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan

Organized by: Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies, Ramat Gan

(Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi gave a presentation titled: *The Palestinian Authority and Israel*)

25 November 1999

**Democracy and Governance Partners Meeting**

Place: Best Eastern Hotel, Ramallah

Organized by: USAID West Bank and Gaza Mission, Tel Aviv/Jerusalem

13 December 1999

**Democracy and Governance Partners Meeting**

Place: Grand Park Hotel, Ramallah

Organized by: USAID West Bank and Gaza Mission, Tel Aviv/Jerusalem

**PASSIA was also invited to but not able to attend the following Conferences and Workshops:**

26 January 1999

**Dividing and Isolating the West Bank from Gaza: A Negotiation Crisis or an Israeli Choice**

Place/Organizer: Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS), Ramallah

6-8 February 1999

**Think Tanks as Civil Society Catalysts in the MENA Region: Fulfilling Their Potential**

Place: Bellevue Hotel, Beirut, Lebanon

Organized by: The Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), Washington, DC, Economic Development Institute of the World Bank (EDI) and the Lebanese Center for Policy Studies (LCPS)



12 February 1999

**Legislative and Local Elections, Israeli Elections, End of the Transitional Period and State Declaration**

Place: Grand Park Hotel, Ramallah

Organized by: The Palestinian Council on Foreign Relations, Gaza, in cooperation with the Center for Democratic Development, Ramallah

18-19 February 1999

**The Bethlehem 2000 International Conference**

Place: FAO Headquarters, Rome

Organized by: The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, United Nations

18-20 February 1999

**Le Partenariat Euro-Méditerranéen: Bilan et Perspectives**

Place: La Maison méditerranéenne des sciences de l'homme, Aix-en-Provence, France

Organized by: La Fondation Méditerranéenne d'Etudes Stratégiques, Toulon, France

21-23 February 1999

**The Security of Arab Waters**

Place: Conrad International Hotel, Cairo, Egypt

Organized by: The Euro-Arab Center for Studies, Paris

24 February 1999

**The Annual General Conference of the Palestinian-Israeli Environmental Secretariat**

Place: Grand Park Hotel, Ramallah

Organized by: Palestinian-Israeli Environmental Secretariat (PIES), Jerusalem

7 March 1999

**The Arab Institute for Studies & Communication Annual Meeting**

Place: University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan

Organized by: Center for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan

13 March 1999

**Constitutive Assembly of the International Observatory for Palestinian Affairs**

Place: Chavannes-de-Bogis Hotel, Chavannes-de-Bogis, Switzerland

Organized by: International Observatory for Palestinian Affairs, Lausanne

16 March 1999

**Globalization of Literary and Historical Studies**

Place: Khalil As-Sakakini Center, Ramallah

Organized by: MUWATIN - Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy, Ramallah

16 March 1999

**Palestinian Media: Where is it Heading?**

Place: Al-Bireh Municipality, Al-Bireh

Organized by: National Center for Media Studies, Ramallah

9 April 1999

**The Many Faces of Corruption: Comparative Approaches to Theory and Practice**

Place: Baladna Cultural Center, Ramallah

Organized by: MUWATIN - Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy, Ramallah

13-14 April 1999

**The First Media Day for the European Cooperation Projects in the Field of Research and Technology Development with Developing and Mediterranean Countries**

Place: Al-Azhar University, Gaza, and Birzeit University, Ramallah  
Organized by: Ministry of Higher Education in cooperation with the DGXII  
Department of the European Commission

14 April 1999

**Planning and Developing Palestinian Tourism**

Place: Jericho Resort Village, Jericho  
Organized by: Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR), Dahiet Al-Barid

2 May 1999

**The Israeli and Palestinian Peace Education Forum**

Place: The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem  
Organized by: The Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, Hebrew University, and Israel-Palestine Centre for Research and Information (IPCRI), Bethlehem-Jerusalem

10 May 1999

**Myths and Identity – Israelis and Palestinians in the Historical Mirror**

Place: Notre Dame Center, Jerusalem  
Organized by: Heinrich Böll Foundation, Tel Aviv, in cooperation with the Richard Koebner Center for German History, Hebrew University and the Center for Regional Studies of Al-Quds University, Jerusalem

11-15 May 1999

**Time to Abolish War – Peace is a Human Right**

Place: The Hague, Netherlands  
Organized by: Dutch United Nations Student Association (SIB), The Hague

13 May 1999

**The Palestinian Student Movement: Between Completing National Liberation and Democracy Building**

Place: Birzeit University, Birzeit  
Organized by: MUWATIN - Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy, Ramallah

14 May 1999

**Etymological Similarities between the Semitic Languages (Arabic, Aramaic and Hebrew)**

Place/Organizer: Swedish Christian Study Center, Old City, Jerusalem

14-15 June 1999

**International Meeting on the Convening of the Conference on Measures to Enforce the 4<sup>th</sup> Geneva Convention in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Including Jerusalem**

Place: Al-Gezira Sheraton Hotel, Cairo, Egypt  
Organized by: The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, United Nations, New York

21-23 June 1999

**Palestine at the Crossroads: Perspectives of Citizenship and Prospects of Identity**

Place: Birzeit University, Birzeit  
Organized by: Arab Thought Forum, Jerusalem

29-30 June 1999

**The Role of Non Governmental Organizations in Peace Building between Palestinians and Israelis**

Place: Lutheran School, Beit Jala

Organized by: Ben Gurion University, Bethlehem University, the World Bank and various NGOs

2-3 July 1999

**Protecting People in Times of War**

Place: Grande Arche de la Défense, Paris

Organized by: Médecins du Monde, Switzerland and France

14-16 July 1999

**The Parallel Conference on the 4<sup>th</sup> Geneva Convention**

Place: Geneva, Switzerland

Organized by: LAW-Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment, Jerusalem, and The Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR), Gaza

5 August 1999

**A Study and Critical Review of the Articles and Applications of the Economic Protocol - Paris Agreement - from 1994 to 1998**

Place/Organizer: Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS), Ramallah

12 August 1999

**The Palestinian Opposition between Positive Reaction and Negative Standstill**

Place: Citizen's Rights Center, Ar-Ram

Organized by: Arab Thought Forum, Jerusalem

25 August 1999

**Meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Higher Council for the Arab Tourist Industry**

Place: Hind Al-Husseini Faculty, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem

Organized by: Higher Council for the Arab Tourist Industry, Jerusalem

28 August 1999

**In Memory of Dr. Ishaq El-Husseini – A Palestinian Educator and Author**

Place/Organizer: Issaf Nashashibi Center for Culture and Literature, Jerusalem

6-8 September 1999

**New Strategies for Development – EuroMeSCo Experts Meeting**

Place: Tunis

Organized by: EuroMeSCO and The Association des Etudes Internationales, Tunisia

21-24 September 1999

**3rd CIVICUS World Assembly: Towards a New Civil Society: The Changing Roles of Civil Society Organizations, Business and Government**

Place: Manila, Philippines

Organized by: CIVICUS, World Alliance for Citizen Participation, Washington, DC

23 September - 2 November 1999

**Leadership in Conflict Resolution**

Place: 7 Arches Hotel, Jerusalem

Organized by: United Nation University - International Leadership Academy, Amman

23-24 September 1999

**Solidarity with the Palestinian People, for their Right to Self-Determination and Independence**

Place: Athens, Greece

Organized by: Organization Solidaridad de los Pueblos de Africa, Asia y America Latina (OSPAAAL), Havana, with the co-sponsorship of the Greek Committee for International Democratic Solidarity, Athens

27-28 September 1999

**Private and Voluntary Corporation's (PVC) Annual PVO Partnership Workshop: Strengthening PVO and NGO Capabilities for Sustainable Development**

Place: Hilton Crystal City, Arlington, VA, US

Organized by: Private and Voluntary Corporation & USAID

28-29 September 1999

**The Results of the Report on Human Resources Development in Palestine**

Place: Birzeit University, Ramallah and Rashad Ash-Shawa Center, Gaza

Organized by: Development Studies Program, Birzeit University

7 October 1999

**The After-Effects of Severe Violence on Victims, Victimizers, Bystanders and Rescuers**

Place: Bethlehem University, Bethlehem

Organized by: Peace Research Institute in the Middle East (PRIME), Beit jala

9/10 October 1999

**EuroMeSCo Link Meeting (Internet experts)**

Place: Lisbon

Organized by: IEEI - Instituto de Estudos Estratégicos e Internacionais (EuroMeSCO Secretariat), Lisbon

10-15 October 1999

**The Role of NGOs in the 21st Century Inspire, Empower and Act**

Place: Olympic Park, Seoul, Korea

Organized by: The Conference of NGOs in consultative relationship with the UN (CONGO), the Executive Committee of the NGOs Associated with the Department of Public Information of the UN (NGO/DPI Executive Committee), and Global Cooperation Society (GCS), International Kyung Hee University, Seoul, Korea

13 October 1999

**Jordan: the New Era and Future Extents**

Place/Organizer: Center for Palestine Research and Studies (CPRS), Nablus

14-16 October 1999

**The Parliamentary Studies Meeting**

Place: Cairo, Egypt

Organized by: The Arab Institute for Studies and Communication (AISC) in cooperation with the Faculty of Political Science, Cairo University

15-16 October 1999

**Meeting of the EuroMeSCo Working Group on the Charter for Peace and Stability**

Place: Rome, Italy

Organized by: IAI - Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome, Italy



25-29 October 1999

**How Best to Bring Lasting Stability to the Gulf?**

Place/Organizer: Wilton House, West Sussex, UK

30 October 1999

**The Adaptation of the Non-Governmental Organizations with Change: Study Cases**

Place/Organizer: Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS), Ramallah

8-11 November 1999:

**The Social Impact of Free Trade in the Euro-Mediterranean Region**

Place: Radisson Hotel, Malta

Organized by: Wilton Park in cooperation with the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, Malta, and the Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales, Paris.

11 November 1999

**The Needs and Priorities of Policy Research in Palestine, from the Perspective of the Different Social Sectors**

Place/Organizer: Bisan Center for Research and Development, Al-Bireh

18-20 November 1999

**International Affairs at the Crossroads of History: Lessons of this Century for the Well-being of the Next**

Place: Harvard University, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Organized by: Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, US

21-23 November 1999

**Women in Palestine**

Place: An-Nawras Seagull Tourist Resort, Gaza

Organized by: Gaza Community Mental Health Program, Gaza

25-26 November 1999

**Freedom of Expression**

Place: The Tourist Hotel, Ramallah

Organized by: Al-Quds University, Jerusalem

12-17 December 1999

**Leadership, Innovation and Transformation**

Place: Jericho Resort Village, Jericho

Organized by: Middle East Nonviolence and Democracy (MEND), Jerusalem, and the International Forum for Social Innovation, Paris



## 8. Desk Diary

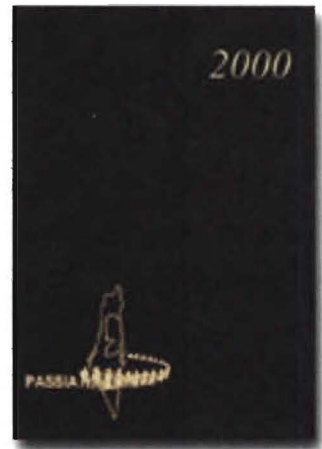
### Introduction

PASSIA first published its **DESK DIARY** in 1988 with the intention of presenting relevant historical facts, events, addresses and statistics related to Palestine and the Palestinian cause in a widely accessible form. At that time, PASSIA did not realize the extent of the vacuum its **DIARY** helped to fill, and each year since, intensive efforts have been made to continuously improve and extend the scope of the diary. PASSIA is proud to be able to say that its **DIARY** has become an invaluable source of information for many people, both here and abroad. Throughout each year, PASSIA updates existing information and statistics, and adds new data and facts as they become available.

### Contents

The 2000 edition of the **DIARY** contains over 300 pages, divided into three main sections:

- 1 The first section is the comprehensive **DIRECTORY**, which contains details of Palestinian and international institutions operating in the Palestinian Territories. The comprehensiveness of the directory is unique and makes it an invaluable resource for all those interested in or working on the Palestine Question. Among the information provided one finds names of contact persons, phone and fax numbers, e-mail and mailing addresses, internet websites (where available), and a brief mission statement for each organization. The directory also includes an index that facilitates the search for a certain entry. Directory entries include:



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Community Development Centers ● Local & Foreign NGOs ● Human  
Rights Organizations ● Media Agencies & Press Offices ● Health  
Institutions ● Diplomatic Missions ● Government Aid Agencies ● Religious  
Forums ● Local Government Offices and Municipalities ● Women's  
Organizations ● Hotels and Restaurants ● Airlines and Travel Agencies ●  
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② The second section of the **DIARY** includes all standard features of a **CALENDAR**, such as a day by day planner, calendars for the previous and following years, address and note space, and anniversaries and national holidays of foreign countries. Each calendar page also includes a box – ‘Quote of the Week’ – recalling dates and events of importance to Palestine cited from speeches and interviews of Palestinian, Israeli, and other figures involved in one way or another in the ongoing Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

③ The third section of the **DIARY** is the **PASSIA AGENDA**, a source of information and facts about Palestine and the Palestinians. The agenda begins with 13 chapters in which all aspects of Palestinian society and the Palestine Question are described, supported by tables, statistics and suggestions for further research (reading material and website references). The first chapter, ‘Dictionary of Palestinian Political Terms’, lists dozens of names and events related to Palestinian history, the PLO and the peace process in alphabetical order, each with a brief explanation, providing a valuable quick reference. Other sub-categories of the agenda deal with the following issues:

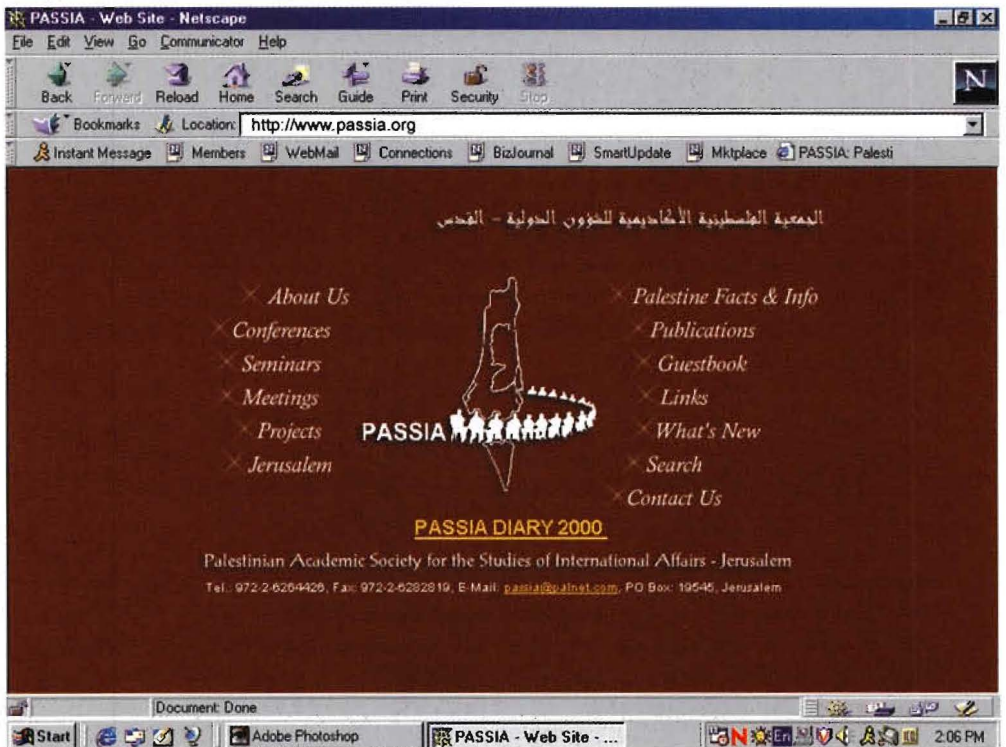
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Government & Administration

The second part of the agenda is devoted to the Question of **JERUSALEM**. This special section includes facts and figures of the city from 1948 until today, demographic statistics, information on Israeli policies and plans in the city, details of settlements in and around Jerusalem, a detailed chronology of events throughout 1999, maps, and a bibliography.

The last part of the agenda comprises a detailed chronology of **THE YEAR THAT WAS** (listing events that happened in or in relation to Palestine during 1999), a full list of **PASSIA PUBLICATIONS**, as well as a selection of colored **MAPS**, including one highlighting the implications of the recent Sharm Esh-Sheikh Memorandum.

<http://www.passia.org>

We would like to bring the attention of all those interested in PASSIA's work and activities to the fact that PASSIA maintains a homepage on the internet, which is regularly updated. The PASSIA website contains detailed information about all past, ongoing and future PASSIA projects and while new material is continuously being added, the proceedings of most seminars and meetings held in the past are available online, as is a complete list of PASSIA publications (partly with the full texts).





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1. **RESEARCH STUDIES PROGRAM**  
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Financed by income generated from local sales of PASSIA publications  
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3. **PROGRAM ON JERUSALEM**  
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## D. Networking

PASSIA is a member of the following networks and associations:

### **PALESTINIAN NGO NETWORK (PNGO)**

The PNGO Network strives to promote coordination and cooperation among Palestinian NGOs and to advocate their right to exist and function without restrictions. It is active in advancing democratic values and in strengthening the role of the civil society in Palestine.

### **EURO-MEDITERRANEAN STUDY COMMISSION (EUROMESCO)**

MeSCo was established in 1994 (PASSIA was a founding member) in order to provide Mediterranean countries with a forum for debating international policy and security issues from a regional point of view. In principle, network members deal with international relations and security, carry out policy-oriented research, enjoy a domestically and internationally recognized reputation, and are NGOs.

In 1996, MeSCo's scope was expanded to include institutes from non-Mediterranean countries. Euro-MeSCo strives to promote dialogue and the exchange of information between its members; to support their institution-building and research capacities, and to foster cooperation between the civil societies in the member countries.

### **THE ARAB SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH NETWORK (ASSR)**

A broader networking effort - involving regional Arab institutes that sought to explore ways to improve intra-regional cooperation and enhance each other's research, institution-building and training efforts - was launched in Beirut in August 1996, by the following centers:

- Lebanese Center for Policy Studies (LCPS), Beirut
- Lebanese Association for Educational Sciences, Beirut
- Al-Ahram Center for Strategic Studies, Cairo
- Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies, Cairo
- Center for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan, Amman
- Al-Urdun Al-Jadid Center, Amman
- Center for Palestine Research Studies (CPRS), Nablus
- PASSIA, Jerusalem
- The Ford Foundation, Cairo Office

### **ASSOCIATION OF PALESTINIAN POLICY & RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS (APPRI)**

In 1996, five Palestinian institutes (PASSIA, Jerusalem; CPRS, Nablus; Center for Jerusalem Studies, Jerusalem; JMCC, Jerusalem; and Muwatin, Ramallah) established the *Association of Palestinian Policy and Research Institutions* as an umbrella organization in order to coordinate and complement their activities, to strengthen their capacities, to create a centralized data base for their respective resources, and to enhance research studies in various fields of Palestinian policy.



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