

## 4. Jerusalem

Jerusalem has been and will continue to be the core of the Palestine Question. Therefore, the Question of Jerusalem has been a primary focus of PASSIA's activities ever since its foundation in 1987. These include meetings, workshops, seminars, conferences as well as academic research, documentation, and publication.

Among the issues addressed are freedom of access, Israeli settlements, and the various religious, political, cultural, historical, and civil aspects of life in the city, including future scenarios.

In meetings pertaining to Jerusalem, it is PASSIA's desire to promote communication, cooperation and coordination between those with an interest in the fate of the city and to increase both awareness and knowledge concerning the various aspects of the Jerusalem Question.

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.

### Meetings on Jerusalem

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

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13 January 2010, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Issues**

Participants: TFI TV: Liseron Boudou, Grand Reporter; Michael Illouz, Producer; Danny Tzion, Camera Man.

18 January 2010, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Issues**

**Participants:** Sameh Nabil Said, Egyptian Diplomat, Egypt - Embassy, Tel Aviv.  
24 February 2010, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **Jerusalem in the Narratives of the Negotiators: Palestinian & Israeli**

**Speakers:** **Gilead Sher**, Former Chief of Staff of Prime Minister Barak and Chief Negotiator; **Nabil Shaath**, Fateh Central Committee Member.

**Participants:** Jose M. de la Cruz, Representative of Chile to the Palestinian National Authority; Prof. Amin Soud Habbas, President, Nancy Education & Culture Center; Mohammad J. Zahaikah, Media Consultant, A. SBITANY & Sons Co.; Ali Shahwan; Khalil Assali, Jerusalem Press Club; Valentine Van Vyve, Journalist; Pauline Berger, Executive, International Relations of the City of Besancon, France; Islam Bkeirat; Ismael Abu Arafah, Advocacy & Communication Officer, CHF International; Nisreen El-Aref, Administration & Finance Manager, FES; Jamal El-Aref, Deputy Middle East Representative, ANERA; Pia Rantala-Engberg, Head, Representative Office of Finland; Mehmet F. Sekerci, Deputy Chief, Turkish Consulate; Henrik Meyer, FES; Alexa des Rues, FES; Zahi Khouri, Retired; Oddvar Bjorge, EAPPI; J. Bell, Project Manager; Finn Bj. Mjaaseth, Psychologist; Marit Redse, Teacher; Naofumi Hashimoto, Head, Representative Office of Japan; Terry Bullata; Fouad Dakkak; Victor Munyer, Diplomat; Said Murad, General Director, Sabreen Association for Artistic Development; Ehab Swaid; Matthew K. Maggard, Diplomat, US Consulate General; Florian Vande Walle, journalist; Ivo Silhavy, Diplomat, Representative Office of Czech Republic; Anas Abdeen, Project Coordinator, Al-Maqdese for Society Development; Richard Brotherton, Architect, New York City Department of Design and Construction; Adam Penman, FAO; Florian Fischer, Student; Ramon Ansoain, Consul General, Spanish Consulate; Rachel Erickson, US Consulate General; Mazen Nuseibeh, Teacher; Basel Quttaineh, Engineer; Karim Yakobi, Program Manager; Jenny Grant-Curnow, Head, Representative Office of Australia; Aoibhin De Burca, Ph.D., University College Dublin, Ireland; Adnan Abdel Razeq, Ph.D.; Lueia Russo, Coordinator; Nils Eliasson, Consul General, Swedish Consulate; Borja Vazquez; Susanna Bennett; Journalist; Clementine Sagot, International Relations Executive; Arthur Sagot-Duvaouroux; Dr. Michel Bahbah, Administrator, Augusta Victoria Hospital; Khaled Kaloti, Engineer; David Viveash, Consultant; Dr. Arafat Hidmi, Chairman, Board of Directors, Makassed Charitable Islamic Society; Basem Abu Asab, Physician; Paola Caridi, Journalist; Nathalie Brunet, Program Administrator, FAO; Alan Bugeja, Head, Representative Office of Malta; Inas Abu Shilbayih; Andrey Bouyer, French Consulate Intern; Dr. T. Jayasinghe, Head, Representative Office of Sri Lanka; Yacub Abu Assab, Society Development Institution (Closed); Shawky Seif El-Naser, UNRWA; Wael Saadi; Roger Gutierrez, UNIFEM; Taleb Dweik; Sinan Abdel Qader, Engineer; Sulieman Abu Dayyeh, Head, Friedrich Naumann Foundation; Thu Kifl Bakri, Trader; Sameh Nabil Said, Egyptian Diplomat, Egyptian Embassy, Tel Aviv; Nora Carmi, Sabeel; Isabel Wolf, Student; Michael Neu, UNRWA; Sidsel Wold, Journalist, Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation; Geert Cockx, Consul General, Belgian Consulate; Issa Freij, Filmmaker; Erika Jara, Journalist.

25 January 2010, Ramallah Friends Meetinghouse, Ramallah

**Topic: Palestinian Perspectives on Jerusalem**

**Speakers:** Dr. Mahdi Abdel Hadi, Chairman of the Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs (PASSIA); Mr. Rifat Kassis from Defense for Children International – Palestine.

**Organizer:** The Carter Center.

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**Organizer:** The Carter Center.

28 January 2010, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Question of Holy Places in Jerusalem.**

**Participant(s):** Anne Barker, Middle East Correspondent, ABC Australian Broadcasting Corporation, news and Current Affairs.

17 February 2010, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Culture and Identity in Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** Yousef Dajani; Mohammad Nasseibeh; Ahmad Zughair; Khalid Abu Arafeh; Jamil Hamami; Mustafa Abu Sway; Dr. Arafat Hidmi; Shiekh Ikrima Sabri; Mazen Sinokrot; Sari Nusseibeh; Abdel Raheem Abbad.

17 March 2010, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Jerusalem: Israeli Settlement Policy**

**Participant(s):** Visitors from the Swedish Consulate: Radoslav Zivkovic; Anna Brodin, Consul, Political Affairs, Sweden.

29 March 2010, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

**Topic: On Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** The Guardian: Rory McCarthy, Middle East Correspondent; Harriet Sherwood, Jerusalem Correspondent.

7 April 2010, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: US and the Palestinian Israeli Conflict**

**Participant(s):** Edgar Motsisi, First Secretary (Political), South African Representative Office to the Palestinian National Authority.

7 April 2010, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Jerusalem and the EU Politics**

Participant(s): Christian Berger, Head of Mission, European Commission Technical Assistance Office, Jerusalem.

14 April 2010, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: On Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Raymond Dolphin, Humanitarian Affairs Officer, Barrier Specialist; Eleonora Lotti, Research Assistant, OCHA, Jerusalem.

14 April 2010, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Question of Jerusalem 2010**

Participant(s): A Group of Americans from Seattle, Washington, USA: Jay P. Olson, Pastor, Presbyterian Church; Daug Hadley; Carol Hadley; Joan Harrison; Steve Currie; Joy Currie; Karen Carpenter; Helga Hilson.

15 April 2010, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Organization of Islamic Conference and the Question of Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Florent De-Bodman, Diplomat, French Consulate General in Jerusalem.

20 April 2010, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Jerusalem Meeting: Civil Society Issues**

Participants: Fouad Hallak, Negotiating Support Unit; Azem Bishara, Negotiating Support Unit; Amin Habbas; Mohannad Gbara, Advocate; Darwish Hijazi, Civil Engineering; Khalil Okkeh, Civil Engineering; Khaled Kaloti, Civil Engineering; Senan Abdel Qader, Architects; Mazen Sinokrot, Privat Sector

3 May 2010, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Jerusalem Meeting, Planning, Youth & Education**

Participant(s): Darwish Hijazi, Civil Eng.; Husni Al-Natsheh, Civil Eng.; Khaled Kaloti, Civil Eng.; Mazen Sinokrot, Business Man; Ziad Zughayar, Architect; Abdul Qader Hussieni, Head, Faysal Hussinie Foundation; Mazen Jabari, Director, Youth Development Department (YDD); Yousef Jabarin, University Professor, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA; Imad Farrah, PASSIA.



16 May 2010, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Question of Jerusalem & Civil Society**

Participant(s): Mazen Sinokrot, Business Man; Khaled Kaloti, Civil Eng.; Mazen Jabari, Director, Youth Development Department (YDD); Yousef Jabarin, University Professor, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA; Sheik Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University.

25 May 2010, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Question of Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Jerry Vallat.

31 May 2010, outside the Orient House, Abu Obeida Jarrah Street, Jerusalem

Topic: **Candlelight Memorial Event to mark the 9th anniversary of the death of Faisal Abdul Qader Hussein**



1 June 2010, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Dr. Amanda Pilz, Deputy Political Chief, US Consulate General, Jerusalem.

17 July 2010, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem: History, Culture and Heritage**

Participant(s): BBC TV

20 July 2010, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem and the Peace Process**

Participant(s): Qais Assad, Political Officer, British Consulate General, Jerusalem; Martin Day, Regional Arabic Spokesman for the British Government, British Embassy, Dubai.

3 October 2010, PASSIA Office, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Question of Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** Shahnaz Parveen; Mary Coombes; Racha Mustapha; Ali Dabbagh; Sana Dabbagh; Leni Selirgei; Hilary Rosser; Sue Smith; Mais Zakaria; Sahar Saleh

5 October 2010, PASSIA Office, Jerusalem

**Topic: Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** Political Officer, South Africa Representative Office, Ramallah

8 November 2010, PASSIA Office, Jerusalem.

**Topic: Jerusalem Initiative 2010**

**Participant(s):** Dr. Arafat Al-Hidmi, Chairman, Makassed Society; Khaled Kaloti, Engineer; Omar Al-Alami, Manager, Jerusalem Cigarette; Jamal Nusseibeh, Professor Law, Al-Quds University; Mazen Sinokrot, Businessman; Darwish Hijazi, Engineer; Yousef Dajani, Chairman Board of Director, JDECO; Ishaq Budeiri, Lawyer.

16 December 2010, PASSIA Office, Jerusalem

**Topic: Russia and Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** Ambassador Oleg Peresykin, Center of the Oriental Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia, Moscow.

17 December 2010, PASSIA Office, Jerusalem

**Topic: Jerusalem Civil Society**

**Participant(s):** Munib al-Masri; Mazen Sinokrot; Omar Alami; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi; Mazen Jabari; Khalid Hussein, Bashar Azzah.

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5 Jan. 2011, PASSIA Office, Jerusalem

**Topic: Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** Hoda Abdel Hamid, Correspondent; Mariam Daher, Journalist, Aljazeera English Network.

10 Jan. 2011, PASSIA Office, Jerusalem

**Topic: EU & Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Joris Van Winckel, Political Affairs, Office of the European Union Representative (West Bank and GAZA, UNRWA).

10 Jan. 2011, PASSIA Office, Jerusalem

Topic: **France and Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Hind Khoury, Former Palestinian Ambassador to France.

10 Jan. 2011, PASSIA Office, Jerusalem

Topic: **Negotiating Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Jivara Buder, Correspondent; Labeib Jazmawi, Cameraman; Ma'moun Othman, Sound Engineer, Al-Jazeera Network

17 Jan. 2011, PASSIA Office, Jerusalem

Topic: **EU Report 2011 and Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Martin Woker, Neue Zürcher Zeitung.

17 Jan. 2011, PASSIA Office, Jerusalem

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

Participant(s): Dr. Leonhard Moll, Head or Representative Office of Austria to the PA, Ramallah.

25 Jan. 2011, PASSIA Office, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Issues**

Participant(s): Mr. Sameh Nabil, Egyptian Council, Egypt Embassy. Tel Aviv.

7 February 2011, PASSIA Office, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem and Settlements**

Participant(s): Rana Kamal, Press TV.

9 February 2011, PASSIA Office, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem and Settlements**

Participant(s): Sung-Hong Yang, First Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Korea; Young-Chol Choe, Ph.D in Political Science, Seoul Jangsin University; Meejeong Hong, Ph.D. of History, The Center for Middle Eastern Studies, KONKUK University, Korea.

9 February 2011, PASSIA Office, Jerusalem

Topic: **Urban Planning in Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Dr. Riadh Tappuni, Architect, Urban Planner, Toronto, Canada; Bashar Al-Azza, Al-Qabida Association.

2 March 2011, PASSIA Office, Jerusalem

Topic: **Research Study on Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Barakat El Leithy, Counsellor, Embassy of Egypt, Tel Aviv.

30 March 2011, PASSIA Office, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Samer Abu Jobara, Political Affairs Officer, UNSCO, Jerusalem.

12 April 2011, PASSIA Office, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Francois Penguilly, Consulate General of France in Jerusalem.

31 May 2011, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **June 1967 & the Question of Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Jihan Abdalla, Correspondent; Sinan Abu Maizer, Cameraman, Reuters.

1 June 2011, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **June 1967 & the Question of Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Ahmad Budeiri, Correspondent, BBC TV.

2 June 2011, PASSIA, Working Breakfast, French Consulate, Jerusalem

Topic: **French Initiative 2011 & Jerusalem**

Participant(s): HE Alain Marie Juppe, French Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs and EU Affairs; HE Frederic Desagneaux, French Consul General, Jerusalem; HE Francois Penguilly, Dept. Consul General, Jerusalem; Patrice Paoli, Director, Middle East and North Africa Dept., French Foreign Ministry, Paris; Bishop Dr. Munib A. Younan; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi; Abdel Qader Hussein; Jihad Abu Znaid; Rania Elias; Karim Nassasibi' Basem Khouri.

15 June 2011, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Identity of Jerusalem**

Participant(s): David R. Martinez, Political Officer, US Consulate, Jerusalem; Frank J. Finver, Consul for Press and Cultural Affairs; US Consulate, Jerusalem; Vivian Abdallah, Cultural Affairs Specialist, America House Deputy Director, US Consulate, Jerusalem.

22 June 2011, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian Perspective on Jerusalem 2011**



Participant(s): Student from George Mason University, Patrick Crowe, Student; Hugh Mcfarlane, Student; Ann Rohrhoff, Student; Hanna Koch, Student; Ilene Prusher, Journalist and Journalism professor, George Mason University, USA.  
22 June 2011, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian Perspective on Jerusalem 2011**

Participant(s): Student from George Mason University, Patrick Crowe, Student; Hugh Mcfarlane, Student; Ann Rohrhoff, Student; Hanna Koch, Student; Ilene Prusher, Journalist and Journalism professor, George Mason University, USA.

30 June 2011, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Identity of Jerusalem**

Participants: David Viveash, Head, Carter Center, Ramallah.

17 July 2011, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Municipality**

Participants: Meir Margalit, Arab Affairs Department, Jerusalem

18 December 2011, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem: A Palestinian Perspective**

Participants: Prof. Asad Ghanem, Lecturer, Haifa University; MA Students, Haifa University: Joseph Chopman, Zamaniya Bankole, Areej Yahya, Kristine Avram, Wang Jin, Scott Ratner, Jeremy Rockmacher, Lacie Rawlings, Amy Cohen, Rob Murstein, Stephanie Klien, Drew Alessi, Muhammad Ammash, Angela Vera, Amanda Widom, Mat Heyder, Khalil Mari; Tetyaha Karpyuk, Researcher, Student; Bilha' Coldero'n, Student, Journalist; Nayrouz Khater, Quartet Office.

19 December 2011, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem**

Participants: Scott Bobb, Middle East Correspondent .

## Workshops and Conferences

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11 January 2010, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem.

Topic: **The Israeli Agenda on Jerusalem**

Speakers:

- Daniel Seidman: -The Wall & Settlements
- Menachem Klein: -Jerusalem & Negotiations
- Sinan Abdul Qader: -Arab Neighborhoods & the Municipality Plans
- Jeff Halper: -House Demolitions & Confiscation of Property

•Sami Rashid: -City Planning & the Law as a Tool for Control

Participants: Turgay Demir, Commercial Counselor, Turkish Embassy, Tel Aviv; Wafa Abu Leil, Architect; Meejeong Hong, Professor, Korea; Ahmad Assi, Student; Rami Mahfouz; Darwish Hijazi, Engineer; Mutasem Amad, Governance Officer, Ministry of Planning; Marwan Hamad, Lawyer; Sara Celilerti, PR & Media, Jerusalem Center for Women; Zahi Khouri, Businessman; Saed Mashal, Politician; Laura Riberto, Lawyer, UNRWA; Amy Anderson, Director, Center for International Programs, University of Dayton; Rebecca Bahan, Director, International Center; Osama Kanaan, Mission Chief, IMF; Brett Hanley, Assistant Humanitarian Officer, OCHA; Saman Khoury, Journalist; Khaled Khatib, Engineer; Azzam Abu Saoud; Dorina Derwanz, Student; Michel Bahbah, Administrator; Fouad Dakkak; Lina Sayyad, Lawyer; Khalil Abu Arafah, Architect; Ahmad Hashem Zughaiar; Amit Leshem; Myles McCabe, Society of Mary, USA; Fatima Obeidat, Biology Lab Science; Areej Adel Siyaj, Psychologist; Aminah Abed Al-Hack, Lawyer; Anas Abdeen, Project Coordinator, Al-Maqdese; Moritz Lechleuthner, Student; Almut Woller, Student; Mansour Tahboub, Journalist; Elin Asgeirsdottir, Humanitarian Affairs Officer, OCHA; Mohsen Ghosheh, Engineer; Nora Paw, Editor, Maan News; Samir Mohammed Abu Leil, Council for Waqf and Islamic Affairs; Hanan Nasrallah, Project Officer, Catholic Relief Services; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Al-Quds University; Noor Dkeidek, Community Organizer; Tridip Ray; Mirosława Czerna, Polish Humanitarian Organization; Dr. Arafat Hidmi, President, Chairman Board Director, Makassed Society; Dr. Nafez Nazzal, Professor; Dr. Laila Nazzal; Dyala Husseini; Khaled Kaloti, Engineer; Laila Higabi, Filmmaker; Nora Carmi, Program Coordinator, Sabeel; Ziad Sharia, Netherlands Rep. Office; Marge Kloos, Education; Jessica Howell, Program Officer, CRS; Kristian Brakel, Diplomat, German Representative Office; Samir Kirrish, Engineer; Isam Anani, Lawyer; Savas Celik, Lawyer; Florian Fischer, Student; Ulf Brennecke, Student; Shawky Seif El-Nasr, UNRWA; Dr. Abed Arhman Abbad, Scientists Committee; Henrik Meyer, FES; Azzam Al-Khatib; Lia Tarachanson, Journalist, The Real News Network; Fouad Hallak, NSU; Hosniya Aweijneh; Rifat Sharawi, Sales Engineer; James McDowell, NGO Worker; Hani Abu Diab; Suheil Khouri, General Manager, National Conservatory for Music; Mohammad Alatas, Filmmaker; Rania Elias, Manager, Yabous Foundation; Emhal Dweik, Architect; Stefanie Kiste, Student; Hanna Hallak, Lecturer; Valerie Feron, Journalist; Asbjorn Knuldsen, Student; Yacub Abu Asab; Yasin Gaith, Advocate; Tom Neu, Director, Carter Center; Fajr Harb, Carter Center; Jeries Basir, Maktoob; Alexander Rusche, FES; Masashi Tsudaka, JVC; Jaber Salem, Lawyer; Ziad Zaghal; Carsten Hansen, Country Director, Norwegian Refugee Council, Jerusalem; Khaled Abu Arafah; Bashir Barakat; MSc.; Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University.

7 April 2010, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: **Planning and Zoning of the City of Jerusalem**

Speaker: Sinan Abdel Qader, Engineer.

Participants: Dr. Omar Yousef, Architect, Urbanist Coordinator, Lecturer in Al-Quds University; Mohammed Nusseibeh, Engineer, Member, Council for Waqf and Islamic Affairs; Azem Bisharah, Lawyer; Ali Barakat, Engineer; Darwish Hijazi, Engineer; Mustafa Tawfiq Abu Zahrah, Engineer; Nabil Daoud Hamoudeh; Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Khalil Assali, Journalist; Ziad Zughayar, Architect; Basel Quteineh, Engineer, International Peace and Cooperation Center (IPCC); Fouad Hallak, Negotiation Support Unit (NSU); Fouad Dakkak, Engineer; Zahi Khoury, Businessman; Ahmed Hashem Zughaiar, Head, Federation of Palestinian Chambers of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture; Raya Sbitany; Akram Sbitany; Omar Alami, Jerusalem Cigarette Co.; Mazen Sinokrot, CEO Sinokrot Group; Emtiaz Diab, Journalist; Ishaq Budeiri, Arab Studies Society; Mazen Jabari, Director, Youth Development Department (YDD); Huda Al-Imam, Director, Center of Jerusalem Studies; Rami Assali, Search For Common Ground (SFCG); I'tedal Ashhab, Popular Organization; Jamal Amro, Lecturer, Birzeit University; Sami Abu Dayyeh, Ambassador Hotel; Khaled Abu Arafeh, Engineer; Dr. Abdul Rahman Abbad, The Muslim Scholars and Ulama' in Palestine; Khaled Kaloti, Engineer; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Paola Caridi, Journalist; Saeda Ikremawi, Al-Iman Schools; Samer Nusseibeh, Engineer; Xavier Abu Eid, Negotiation Support Unit (NSU); Raja Shamas, Negotiation Support Unit (NSU); Azzam Abu Sa'oud, Director, Jerusalem Arab Chamber of Commerce, Industry; Dr. Amin Habbas; Dr. Yousef Natsheh, Department of Islamic Archeology, Al-Aqsa Mosque; Samar Dissi, Representative Office of Switzerland; Sana Dwaik, Lawyer; Hisham Bakri, Head, Engineers' Association; Monther Shwieki, Project Manager, Al-Quds Foundation for Development (AFD); Tawfiq Habesh, Businessman; Bashar Azzeh, PLC; Fouad Jabr, Banking Consultant; Adnan Hussein, Governor of Jerusalem; Nisreen Zughayer, Advisor to the Governor of Jerusalem.



20 April 2010, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

**Topic: Planning & Zoning of the City of Jerusalem (Part 2)**

**Speaker:** Sinan Abdel Qader Engineering

**Participants:** Mazen Nuseibeh, Teacher; Dr. Marin Albu, Rumanian Representative; Ahmad Atoun, PLC, Jerusalem; Jihad Attoun; Sami Abu Dayyeh, Ambassador Hotel; Azzam Abu Soud, Chambers of Commerce, Jerusalem; Bashir Barakat, MSc; Ivo Silhavy, Diplomat, Representative Office of Czech Republic; Alan Bugeja, Head, Representative Office of Malta; Sergio Gimenez-Ferrer, EUREP, Jerusalem; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Guy Burton, Resecher, LSE; Nora Kort, Community Development; Lehlohonolo Shadrack Ted Pekane, Ambassador, Representative Office of South Africa; Jack Twiss, Diplomat, Representative Office of Netherlands; Edgar Motsisi, Representative Office of South Africa; Mazen Sinokrot, Private Sector; Basel Quttaineh, Engineer, IPCC; Usama Antar, FES; Omar Kassab, FES; Farouk Abdul Rahim, Physician; Amin Habbas; Darwish Hijazi, Engineering; Rifat Sharawi, Slaes Engineering; Abed Abu Diab; Khaled Kalouti, Civil Engineering; Mustafa Abu Zahra, Agricultural Engineering; Hail Sandoukah, Member of Al-Quds Society; Ahmad Al-Batsh; Atallah Hanna; Archbishop Theodosios; Adnan Abdel Raze; Dr. T. Jayasinghe, Head, Representative Office of Sri Lanka; Khalil Assali, Jerusalem Press; Jamal Ghosheh, General Manager, PNT; Mutasem Awad, Ministry of Planning.



21 April 2010, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Education and Youth in Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Hisham Hidmi, AVPAA; Sheikh Jamil Hammi; Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Abdul Qader Hussein, Head, Faisal Hussein Foundation; Sawsan Safadi, Director of General Education; Mazen Sinokrot, Private Sector; Amjad Afghani, Researcher; Jamal Adileh, Businessman; Mazen Jabari, Director, Youth Development Department (YDD); Mous'ab Abbas, Director of Youth Program,



Juthor; Maali Edeis, Youth Program, YDD; Ahmad Safadi, Media-Youth Program, YDD.

20 May 2010, PASSIA Office, Jerusalem.

**Topic: Strategic Planning Polices in Jerusalem between the Current Reality & Future**

**Participant(s):** Khaled Al-Kaloti, Engineer; Hesham Al-Bakri, Chairman of the Jerusalem branch of the Engineers Association; Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Sheikh Jamil Hammi; Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Mazen Sinokrot, Private Sector; Mazen Jabari, Director, Youth Development Department (YDD); Darwish Hijazi, Engineering, Khalil Okeh, Engineering; Varsen Aghabekian, Consultant; Khaled Abu Arafeh, Engineering; Samir Kirresh, Engineering; Ali Barakat, Engineering; Bader Jamjoum; Engineering; Muna Sheikh Ahmad, Lawyer; Fouad Dakkak, Engineering; Hatem Abdel Qader, Jerusalem File official in the Fatteh Movement; Ziad Zughair, Engineering, Ziad Qu'war, Lawyer, Moen Khoury, Lawyer; Jamal Amro, Engineering, Osama Halabi, Lawyer.



2-3 October 2010, Amman,

Jordan

**Topic: Jerusalem and the Challenges of Zionist Extremist**

**Organizer:** Jerusalem Committee – Amman



20 October 2010, Dubai

**Topic: Jerusalem in Dubai**

**Organizer:** PASSIA

“Jerusalem Awakened” - Special Address by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi followed by

Screening of “Jerusalem... the East Side Story” (a film by Mohammed Alatar)

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20 January 2011, Ambassador Hotel, Sheikh Jarrah, Jerusalem

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

Speaker: Dr. Nabil Sha’ath

Participant(s): Representatives from the Diplomatic Missions and the Palestinian community in Jerusalem.



17 May 2011, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem.

Topic: **Jerusalem**

Organizer: Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies([www.schechter.edu](http://www.schechter.edu)).



26 May 2011, PASSIA office, Jerusalem

Topic: **Identity & The Question of Holy Places in Jerusalem**

Speaker: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi; Head of PASSIA

Participants: Students from Smith College in USA; Prof. Justin Cammy, Prof. Donna Divine, Mackenzie Green; Hunter King; Margot Lurie; Molly Oringer; Carole Renard; Natalie Sargent; Julia Scheier; Katy Swartz; Jiajing Wang; Lena Zairis.



26 May 2011, PASSIA office, Jerusalem

Topic: **Identity & the Question of Holy Places in Jerusalem**

Speaker: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi; Head of PASSIA

Participants: Students from the University of Vienna; Prof. Peter Gerlich; Simone Egarter; Elisa Deutschmann, Daniel Goschl; David Gusel; Adham Hamed; Sybille Krausler; Lina Klymenko; Irene Klaus; Birgit Klausser; Kakob Lundwall; Nikolas Pohn; Roman Pfefferle; Luci Pajer; Valerie Prassl; Jasmina Strobl; Gerd Valchars; Albert Yan.



13 June 2011, Working Dinner, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem & the Palestinian Agenda**

Participant(s): Professor Jerzy Karol Buzek, President of the European Parliament; Mr. Christian Berger, The European Commission Representative, Mamar Merzouk, Head of Office, European Commission; Dariusz Serowka, Adviser, External Relations, The European Parliament; Alexandre Stutzmann,

Diplomatic Adviser, Cabinet of the President, European Parliament; Sergio Piccolo, Head of Operations, Office of the European Union Representative, John Gatt-Rutter, Deputy EU Representative; Laila Shaheed, Head of Palestinian Mission in Brussels; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA, Jerusalem; Dr. Arafat Al-Hidmi, Head of Makassed Hospital, Jerusalem; Dr. Tawfiq Nasser, Head of Augusta Victoria Hospital, Jerusalem; Abdel Qader Hussein, Head of Faisal Hussein Foundation; Mr. Mohammad Dahleh, Lawyer; Sulaiman Shaheen, Lawyer; Mr. Carsten Hansen, Country Director, Norwegian Refugee Council, (NRC) Jerusalem.

3 September 2011. Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

**Topic: East Jerusalem as Capital of a future Palestinian State; Challenges ahead in a Two-State Solution**

**Organizer:** Swedish Social Democratic Party. Olaf Palme International Center

**Panels:**

- (1) The situation today on the ground and the current dynamics in East Jerusalem
- (2) The political process and the effects of it on the ground
- (3) The status of Jerusalem, what options are available and the major issues to be resolved
- (4) Jerusalem and the declaration of a Palestinian State. What effect will the UN General Assembly resolution have?

29 September 2011

**Topic: The Higher Islamic Commission... Reality and Challenges**

1 October 2011, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Education, Culture, and Youth Concerns in Jerusalem**

**Participants:** Maher Hashwah, Dean of the Faculty of Education, Birzeit University; Hisham Hidmi, Manager of Al-Quds Open University; Nour Dkeidek, Researcher; Khaled Neiroukh, Lecturer and HR officer; Asa'd Owais, Principal of Ar-Rashediyeh School; Aref Hussein, Director of YWCA; Sa'eda Ikerami, Principal of al-Iman Secondary School for Girls; Ruba Ajrab, Quality Control Project Coordinator, al-Iman School; Sawsan Safadi, Ministry of Education; Iman Taji, Principal of Dar At-Tifl Al-Arabi School; Hatem Abdul Qader, Jerusalem's file; Jamil Hamami, Al-Quds University; Shifa Jayousi, Program Officer, UNSCO; Ahmad Ftehah, Professor, Beir Zeit University.

14 November 2011, PASSIA, Jerusalem



**Topic: The History of the Palestinian Israeli Conflict and the Situation in Jerusalem**

**Speaker:** Dr. Nazmi Al-Jubeh, Head of History Department, Birzeit University

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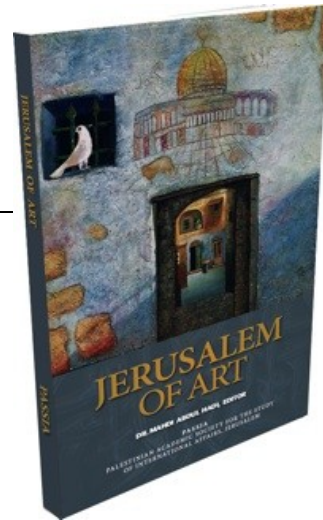
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