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

Listed below are all the conferences that PASSIA was invited to attend and able to participate in throughout the years 2006/2007 (see also chapters on Jerusalem and the Religious Studies Unit for more specific topics)\(^1\). For more details and conference programs see PASSIA’S website.

**2006**

2 January 2006, Tel-Aviv University  
**Topic:** Crossing Borders  
**Organized by:** The Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research, Tel-Aviv University and the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, Ramallah.  
**Participant(s):** Aharon Arlazoroff; Shimon Azulay; Nirit Bar; Zahava Bauberg; Dov Bern; Nisim Cohen; Rafi Cohen-Almagor; Yossi Dayan; Shai Dotan; Miri Eisin; Janan Faraj-Falah; Anat Geser-Adelsburg; Dror Givoni; Yoel Guzansky; Einat Halevi-Levin; Graciela Hinchenco; Ami Hollander; Harel Horev; Sharaona Kalderon; Essie Kariv; Shimon Karmi; Einat Keinan; Yoram Kleiner; Arieh Krishek; Izek Lalo; Naamna Najat; Uri Nchema; Idit Nirel; Orly Noy; Atar Oren; Roy Oren; Rani Palmon; Hila Riba-Akerman; Goni Rivlin-Tsur; Yair Rubin; Avi Saragusti; Shlomo Sarig; Raviv Schwartz; Orna Sherf-Mizrahi; Elisha Shimon; Bili Straus - Salomon; Ayala Vlodevsky; Janice Wasser; Dana Weinberg; Yael Weiner; Amir Yuval.

18 February 2006, Ministry of Planning, Ramallah  
**Topic:** EU and the Middle East  
**Organized by:** Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung (FES), Jerusalem.  
**Participant(s):** Mr. Faraj Zayoud, Internationaler Sekretär FATAH Kommission für internationale Angelegenheiten; Mr. Iyad Masrouji, Palestinian National Initiative (PNI - Al-Mubadara); Dr. Khaled Saif, Palestinian National Initiative (PN I - Al-Mubadara); Ms. Hind Khouri Minister for Jerusalem Affairs; Mr. Qais Abdul-Karim, PLC Abgeordneter (Al-Badeel - Alternative); Dr. Saleh Abdel Jawad, Professor für Politikwissenschaften, Birzeit University; Mr. Simon Boaz, Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS); Dr. Fadi N qib, Wirtschaftswissenschaftler Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS); German Participants, Dr. Rolf Mützenich, Member of the German Parliament, Knut Dethlefsen, Resedent Representative, FES Jerusalem, Elisabeth Petersen, C-o-ordinator, FES Jerusalem, Katja Franke, C-o-ordinator, FES Jerusalem.

12-14 March 2006, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates  
**Topic:** Current Transformations and their Potential Role in Realizing Change in the Arab World  
**Organized by:** The Emirates Center for Strategic Studies & Research (ECSSR), United Arab Emirates.

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\(^1\) The many events to which PASSIA was also invited but was unable to attend are not listed here.
30 March-2 April 2006, Cairo, Egypt.
Topic: The Different Layers of Identity from a Translation of the Religious Perspective
Organized by: The Arab Group for Muslim-Christian Dialogue

1 May 2006, The International Center of Bethlehem, Bethlehem.
Topic: Context and Situation - Peacemaking Conference
Organized by: The Presbyterian Church (USA) / Peacemaking Program

4 May 2006, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem
Topic: EuroMeSCo Crisis Management Seminar
Organized by: Roberto Aliboni, International Affairs Institute (IAI), Rome, in collaboration with PA SSIA
Participants: Dr. Mahdi Abdel Hadi, Chairman, PASSIA, Jerusalem; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Dr. Roberto Aliboni, Vice President, IAI, Rome (EuroMeSCo); Dr. Yossi Alpher, Strategic Analyst and co-Editor of Bitterlemons, Tel Aviv; Ms. Anat Kurz, Jaffee Center of Strategic Studies, Tel Aviv University; Mrs. Amit Leshem, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem; Dr. David Newman, Ben Gurion University; Prof. Joel Peters, Ben Gurion University; Dr. Jamil Rabah, Political Analyst, Near East Consulting; Dr. Nathalie Tocci, Senior Researcher, IAI, Rome; Dimitri Diliani, Director, Palestine Consultancy Group; Knut Dethlefsen, Resident Representative of Friedrich-Ebert Foundation, Jerusalem; Awad Mansour, Palestinian Diaspora & Refugee Center (SHAML); Jamal Zahalka, Member of Knesset, BALAD Party; Deniz Altayli, PA SSIA; Francesca Gilli, PASSIA.

8-10 May 2006, Holiday Inn Hotel, Amman, Jordan
Topic: Arab Thinking in a Rapidly Changing World
Organized by: Arab Thought Forum, Amman, Jordan
10-13 May 2006, Berlin, Germany
Topic: Working and Information Visit “After the Victory of Hamas – Scenarios and Options”
Organized by: Friedrich-Ebert Foundation (FES), Germany

12-15 May 2006, London, United Kingdom
Topic: The Two-State Solution
Organized by: Chatham House (Royal Institute of International Affairs), London, United Kingdom

11-16 June 2006, Amman, Jordan
Topic: Second World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES-2)
Organized by: The Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies, Amman

23-25 June 2006, Cairo, Egypt
Topic: Internal Agenda
Organized by: The Arab Group for Christian-Muslim Dialogue
Participant(s): Judge Abbas Halabi; Rev. Dr. Riad Jarjour; Dr. Mohammad Salim Awwa; Dr. Tarq El-Bishiri; Dr. Samir Murqus; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi; Dr. Saud Al-Mawla; Kamil Manasa; Sayyid Hani Fahas.

19 September 2006, Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, Belgium
Meeting with Middle East Experts from EU member states in Brussels
Topic: Analysis of the Current Issues in Palestine and Prospects of Restarting the Peace Process
Speaker: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA
Organized and Chaired by: Director Eija Rotinen, Head of Middle East Unit, Finnish Foreign Ministry

14 November 2006, Beit Ariella, Tel Aviv
Topic: Middle East in Transition - S.O.S. - Can the International Community Save our Region?
Organized by: Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Tel Aviv (headed by Hermann Bünz), Peres Center for Peace, Tel Aviv (headed by Ron Prosor)
Participant(s): Dr. Andrä Gärber, Head of the Department for the Middle East and North Africa, FES, Berlin; Prof. Shlomo Ben Ami, former Minister for Foreign Affairs, Israel; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA, Jerusalem.

21-22 November 2006, Brussels, Belgium
Topic: Middle East Conflict: A Way out of the Crisis?
Organized by: Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Department for the Middle East and North Africa
Participants: Dr. Ernst Stetter, Representative FES Office, Brussels; MEP Martin Schulz, Chairman of the PES Group in the European Parliament; Nasser Al Qudwa, Former PA Minister of Foreign Affairs; Ron Prosor, Former Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel; Hassan Al-Khatib, Former PA Minister of Planning, Director of the Jerusalem Media Communication Centre; Christian Berger, Head of Unit: Crisis Management and Conflict Prevention, DG RELEX, European Commission; Gen.(ret.) Baruch Spiegel, former Special Advisor to the Minister of D-
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fense, Israel; Hatem Abdel Qader Eid, former member of the PLC; MEP Hannes Swoboda (A/PES), Vice-President of the PES-group in the EP; Hermann Bünz, Representative FES Israel; Dr. Mahdi Abdel Hadi, Head of PASSIA; MEP Richard Howitt, Member of the last EP election observation mission for the Palestinian parliamentary election, European Parliament; Brig. Gen. (Res.) Shalom Harari, Senior Research Scholar, Institute for Counter Terrorism, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya, Israel; Jihad Abu Zneid, PLC Member; Oded Granot, Middle East Commentator Channel 1 TV, Israel; MEP Véronique de Keyser, Chief Observer of the EU Election Observation Mission in the West Bank and Gaza, European Parliament; Elisabeth Schumann-Braune, FES Department for the Middle East and Northern Africa, FES Berlin; MK Dani Yatom, Israel Labor Party, Member of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Former Head of Mossad, Israel; Christian Leffler, Director, Middle East and Southern Mediterranean, DG Relex, European Commission; Rosemary Davis, Counsellor in the cabinet of Marc Otte, EU-Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process; Dr. Yair Hirschfeld, Director General of the Economic Cooperation Foundation (ECF), Israel, Fellow of the Baker Institute for Policy, Houston; Mohammad Hourani, Member of the Revolutionary Council of Fatah; Knut Dethlefsen, Representative FES Palestinian Autonomous Territories; Belen Martinez-Carbonell, Advisor for Middle East, Cabinet of Commissioner Ferrero-Waldner; and Members of the European Parliament

24-26 November 2006, Divani Apollon Palace, Athens, Greece
Topic: Solving the Security Puzzle in the Mediterranean & the Broader Middle East
Organized by: ELIAMEP, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, Greece

9-10 December, 2006, Kuwait
Topic: Global Strategy Group Middle East
Organized by: Jusoor Arabiya, Leadership & Consultancy Center & Smadja, Strategic Advisory

28 December 2006, The Notre Dame of Jerusalem Center, Jerusalem
Topic: What are the Prospects for a Renewed Israeli-Palestinian Political Process?
Organized by: The Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and The Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research (PSR), Ramallah
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26 February 2007, Best Eastern Hotel, Ramallah
**Topic:** Public Administration and Civil Service Reform (PACSR) in Palestine: Drivers of Change
**Organized by:** British Government Department for International Development, in cooperation with the British Consulate-General Jerusalem

4 March 2007, Grand Park Hotel, Ramallah
**Topic:** Technical Workshop on Permanent Status Issues
**Organized by:** Negotiations Support Unit & the Negotiations Affairs Department

27 April 2007, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem
**Topic:** Humanitarian Challenges of the Middle East Peace Process
**Organized by:** European Commission Technical Assistance Office (West Bank and Gaza, UNRWA)
**Speaker:** Mr. Louis Michel, European Commissioner in charge of humanitarian aid and development.

30 April 2007, Ramallah
**Topic:** The Vision and Mission of the Foreign Relations Commission of Fateh
**Organized by:** Foreign Relations Commission, Fateh, Palestinian National Liberation Movement

18-19 May 2007, IALIIS, Birzeit
**Topic:** The Theory and Practice of Diplomacy: International and Palestinian Experiences
**Organized by:** Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute of International Studies (IALIIS), Birzeit

21-23 June 2007, The Russian Hotel, Bethlehem
**Topic:** Forty Years between the Tragedy of Occupation and the Will to Attain Independence
**Organized by:** Al-Liqa’ Center, Bethlehem

11 September 2007, Best Eastern Hotel, Ramallah
**Topic:** The two entities of the homeland: Relations and aspirations!
**Organized by:** JMCC

20 September 2007, Brussels
**Expert Panel: How to Achieve a Two-State-Solution?**
**Organized by:** European Parliament, Brussels
**Participants:** Prof. Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering, President of the European Parliament; Bichara Khader, Middle East expert and Professor of Political Science at UCL Louvain-la-Neuve/Belgium; Dr. Mahdi Abdul-Hadi, Head of PASSIA; Elias Sanbar, Former Chief Editor of Revue des Etudes Palestinienes, currently Permanent Observer, Mission of Palestine to UNESCO; Janiki Cingoli, Director of the Centro Italiano per la Pace in Medio Oriente (CIPMO); Moshe Amirav, Head of Policy Studies in Beit Berl College, Israel, former Advisor to Prime Minister Barak in the Camp David Talks in 2000; Oren Yiftachel, Professor, Political Geographer, Ben-Gurion University, Beer Sheva, Israel.
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10 November 2007, Grand Park Hotel, Ramallah

**Topic:** International Conference on Europe and the Middle East

**Organized by:** PASSIA and FES

**Participants:** Mazen Sinokrot, Sinokrot Group; Salwa Duabais, Mattin Group; Firas Farsnkh, Ministry of Interior; Nadia Hajal, Center for Development Studies/BZU; Fadwa Mshear, Ministry of Interior; Khaled Hroub, Cambridge University; Charles Kupchan, Georgetown University/CFR; Nadim Shehadi, Chatham House, London; Mohammad Labadi, Foreign Relations; Khalil Nakhleh, Independent Consultant; Hassan Dajani, PMA; Yeliz Tocar, Willy-Brandt-Center, Jerusalem; Tim O. Petschulat, FES Jerusalem; Thomas Rahn, DAAD; Seifi Khaled, Mubadarah; Asem Khalil, Institute of Law, BZU; Moria Qonzalez-Ubeda, UNRWA Communications; Saleh Ra'fat, Fida; Adnan Husseini; Susan Rockwell, Mattin Group; Tobias Tunkel, EU Special Representative (EUSR) Team; Maya Sverdrup, EUSR Team; Barbara Obele, FES Jerusalem; Khoulod Daibes, Ministry of Tourism/Women Affairs; Samir Abdullah, Ministry of Planning; Thomas Moellet, Journalist; Philip Kaas Buschard, Danish Representative Office; Farid Majari, Director, Goethe Institute, Ramallah; Dr. Sabri Saidam, Birzeit CCE; Dr. Mohammad Nasr, MAS; Baker A.ubabaker, Fateh; Haitham Arar, Ministry of Interior; Jana Anderson, Danish Representation Office; Samira Fahham, FES; Claire Spencer, Chatham House, London; Maysa Zorob, Birzeit University (Coordinator); Adwan Mohammad, Danish Representation Office; Zahira Kamal, PW RDC; Adeebe Ziadah, Alburqa; Faisal Awartani, Alpha; Sameh Nabil Said, Consul General of Egypt; Marian Houk, Freelance Journalist; Qawasmi Sahr, PLC; Hasen Abu Libdih, PSE/CEO; Dr. Jorge Torres Pereira, Head of the Representation Office of Portugal; Jörg Ranau, German Representative; Hermann Bünz, FES Jerusalem; Clare Brosnan, Irish Representative Office; Lina Masmouj, Jerusalem Pharmaceutical Company; Abbas Melhim, HDIP; Mohammad Nuseibeh, Jerusalem; Guiguet Bologne Philipps, French Consulate General; Soren Faris, Freelance Journalist; Helga Baumgarten, Birzeit University; Abd Al Jubeh, Khalil Sakakini Center; George Giacaman, Birzeit University / Muwatin; Heikki Hannikainen, Representative Office of Finland; Dr. O skar Wöstinger, Austrian Representative; Philip Holzapfel, German Representative Office; Mahmoud Abdullah, Ramallah Municipality; Lee Peectitis, Belgian Consulate.

**PROGRAM**

9.00-9.30 **OPENING REMARKS**

**KEY NOTE SPEECHES:**

9.30-9.45 **EUROPEAN-MIDDLE EASTERN RELATIONS - REALITY AND VISION**
Marc Otte, European Union Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process

9.45-10.00 **EUROPEAN-MIDDLE EASTERN RELATIONS - REALITY AND VISION**
H.E. Dr. Salam Fayyad, Palestinian Prime Minister

10.00-10.45 Discussion

10.45-11.00 Coffee Break
11.00-12.15 **Panel One: Europe’s Role in the Middle East**

*Chair: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA*

**Palestinian Perspective**
Nasser Al-Qudwa, Member of the Fateh Central Council

**Arab Perspective**
Dr. Nabil Sha’ath, Member of the PLO Central Council

**EU Perspective**
Dr. Jorge Torres-Pereira, Head of Mission, Portuguese Representative Office to the Palestinian Authority, Ramallah

Open Discussion

12.15-13.15 Lunch

13.15-14.45 **Panel Two: Issues of EU-Middle Eastern Cooperation**

*Chair: Dr. Claire Spencer, Head of the Middle East Programme at Chatham House, London*
How to deal with the Challenges of Islamism and Political Reform
Dr. Khaled Hroub, Director of the Cambridge Arab Media Project (CAMP), Author of “Hamas: Political Thought and Practice”, Washington, DC, 2000

Security – Threats, Agendas and Policies
Dr. Charles Kupchan, Europe Director at the Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, DC

The Economic Dimension of European-Middle Eastern Relations
John Kjaer, Head of Representation, European Commission Representative Office West Bank and Gaza Strip, Jerusalem

Open Discussion
14.45-15.00 Coffee Break
15.00-16.30 Panel Three: Europe and the Middle East - Policy Imperatives for the Next Decade
Chair: Knut Dethlefsen, Resident Representative of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Jerusalem

The EU’s Relations with Iran
Dr. Rolf Mützenich, Member of the German Bundestag, and President of the German-Iranian Parliamentary Group

Syria and the European Neighborhood Policy
Dr. N adim Shehadeh, Associate Fellow of the Middle East Programme at Chatham House, London

Strategies for Democratization in the Middle East
Dr. Khalil Nakhleh, Independent Development and Academic Consultant

Open Discussion

29-30 November 2007, Mövenpick Resort and Spa Dead Sea
Topic: Host Countries Re-Visited
Organizer: Chatham House, Middle East Programme