

Conferences & Workshops

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.

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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 Hichenco; Ami Hollander; Harel Horev; Sharona Kalderon; Essie Kariv; Shimon Karmi; Einat Keinan; Yoram Kleiner; Arieh Krishek; Izek Lalo; Naamna Najat; Uri Nehemya; Idit Nirel; Orly Noy; Atar Oren; Roy Oren; Rani Palmon; Hila Riba-Akerman; Goni Rivlin-Tsur; Yair Rubin; Anat 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 Saifi, Palestinian National Initiative (PNI – 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. Fadl Naqib, 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, Co-ordinator, FES Jerusalem, Katja Franke, Co-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.

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 PASSIA

Participants: Dr. Mahdi Abdel Hadi, Chairman, PASSIA, Jerusalem; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Dr. Roberto Aliboni, Vicepresident, IAI, Rome (EuroMeSCo); Dr. Yossi Alpher, Strategic Analyst and co-Editor of Bitterlemons, Tel Aviv; Ms. Anat Kurz, Jaffee Center of Strategic Studies-JCSS, 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 Diliiani, Director, Palestine Consultancy Group; Knut Dethlefsen, Resident Representative of Fredrich-Ebert Foundation, Jerusalem; Awad Mansour, Palestinian Diaspora & Refugee Center (SHAML); Jamal Zahalka, Member of Knesset, BALAD Party; Deniz Altayli, PASSIA; 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 Pondak)

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 EU-Office, Brussels; MEP Martin Schulz, Chairman of the PES Group in the European Parliament; Dr. Nasser Al Qudwa, Former PA Minister of Foreign Affairs; Ron Prozor, Former Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel; Ghassan 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 De-

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 Chanel 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

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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 Palestiniennes*, 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.

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 Duaibis, 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 Gonzalez-Ubeda, UNRWA Communications; Saleh Ra'fat, Fida; Adnan Hussein; Susan Rockwell, Mattin Group; Tobias Tunkel, EU Special Representative (EUSR) Team; Maya Sverdrup, EUSR Team; Barbara Obele, FES Jerusalem; Khoulood 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 Abubaker, 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, PWRDC; Adeeb Ziadeh, Alburaq; Faisal Awartani, Alpha; Sameh Nabil Said, Consul General of Egypt; Marian Houk, Freelance Journalist; Qawasmi Sahr, PLC; Hasan 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 Masrouji, 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. Oskar Wüstinger, Austrian Representative; Philip Holzapfel, German Representative Office; Mahmoud Abdullah, Ramallah Municipality; Lee Peetctis, 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

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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 EASTChair: 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 COOPERATIONChair: 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

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. Nadim 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