

3. DIALOGUE PROGRAM

Introduction

Through its *Dialogue Program*, PASSIA has ever since its foundation striven both to promote free expression within Palestinian society and to foster a better understanding of Palestinian affairs, be they in the domestic or international context. In doing so, PASSIA has earned a reputation for providing a unique forum for dialogue and exchange and for serving as a catalyst for civic debate. Central to these efforts has been the presentation and analysis of a plurality of Palestinian perspectives and approaches. Topics addressed and discussed cover a wide range of subjects broadly and specifically related to the Palestine Question, from historical aspects to the current Middle East Peace Process and internal Palestinian affairs.

The PASSIA Dialogue Program is divided into the following three 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. Particularly topical issues are sometimes the subject of a series of lectures by as varied a range of speakers as possible. These meetings aim to promote thought and debate among Palestinians and between Palestinians and their foreign counterparts.
- ❑ **Briefings:** PASSIA frequently provides a venue for encounters, dialogue and discussions involving representatives and organizations from various backgrounds. These meetings focus on current Palestinian affairs and are designed to build bridges of communication and understanding between Palestinians from differing streams of society and to develop constructive and focused academic contact between Palestinians and Israelis. PASSIA has also 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. In return PASSIA receives invitations to meetings with diplomats and visiting foreign dignitaries at other venues helping to consolidate relationships and forge connections between Palestinians and their foreign counterparts.
- ❑ **PASSIA Forum:** Owing to limitations of space at its premises, PASSIA organizes from time to time 'public lectures' involving particularly significant speakers and/or topics. These meetings are attended by the guest speaker(s), possibly one or two discussants, who will comment on the presentation, and an invited audience of up to 100 people. Forums are held at the hotels in Jerusalem or Ramallah, which offers the space and facilities needed to accommodate the anticipated number of participants.

Speakers discussants and participants at these meetings include local and foreign figures from a rich diversity of backgrounds and schools of thought: Scholars, professionals and intellectuals from Palestine, Israel and abroad; members of Palestinian NGOs, political factions and the media, as well as representatives of the diplomatic corps.

Meetings held throughout 2008/2009 at PASSIA (unless otherwise indicated) are listed below. Details are presented in the following order: date; topic; speaker/visitor; participants. (For additional PASSIA Meetings see the chapters on *Jerusalem, Workshops on Strategy and Security, and Religious Studies Unit*).

All meetings were attended by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA. The summary or full text of some of the meetings can be found at PASSIA's website (<http://www.passia.org>).

Roundtable Meetings

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12 February 2008, Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) in Sheikh Jarrah, Jerusalem

Topic: Open Discussion on Palestinian Identity

Participant(s): David Viveash, Head, Canadian Representative Office, Ramallah; Dr. Jorge Torres Pereira, Head, Portuguese Representative Office, Ramallah; Jawad Boulus, Advocate, Jerusalem; Zaki Abul Al-Halaweh, Journalist; Khalil Assali, Journalist; Roland Friedrich, Head of Office, DCAF; Anne Massagee, Coordinator, ICTJ; Usama Halabi, Advocate, Jerusalem; Anne Paquer, Photographer, Human Rights Specialist; Anca Domnitanu, Volunteer, Al-Rawwad; Michael Sobe, UNRWA; Amit Leshem, Van Leer Institute; Hillel Cohen, Truman Institute; Jonas Hahn, Student; Nisreen El-Aref, Finance Officer, FES; Duaa Jaber, Researcher, Qattan Foundation; Dr. Ercan Ozer, Ambassador, Turkish Consulate, Jerusalem; Tarek Ismail, UNRWA Consultant, Jerusalem; Paul Rassadin, Russian Representative Office; Dimitri Diliani, National Christian Coalition; Nora Carmi, Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center; Meta Floor, Sabeel; Cedar Duaybis, Sabeel; Knut Dethlefsen, Resident Representative of Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung, Jerusalem; Abdel Qader Hussein, Faisal Hussein Foundation, Jerusalem; Basem Masry, Executive Director, Al-Quds – Capital of Arab Culture 2009.

29 June 2008, Jericho

Topic: Fateh and its Role in the Palestinian National Movement

Program:

I. Statistical Review on Fateh 2008

II. Evaluation of Fateh: Perspectives of Strengths and Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges, and Political Problems

III. The Draft Political Program of Fateh Movement.

Participant(s): Dr. Arafat Hidmi, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Makassed Charitable Islamic Society; Yahia Yakhlef, Bureau of Ideological Affairs and Studies Department; Loay Shabaneh, Head, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics; l'tedal Ashhab; Adnan Hussein, Architect; Mohammed Nusseibeh; Omar Shehadeh; Dr. Tarek Barakat, Director, Makassed Society; Dr. Leila Farsakh, Senior Researcher, Birzeit University; Varsen Aghabekian, Director of Development and Projects, President's Office, Ramallah; Othman Abu Gharbieh, Member of Fateh Revolutionary Council; Ghada Karmi; Omar Karmi, Journalist; Dr. Haitham Al-Hassan; Ahmed Soboh, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs; Rushdi Ashhab, Makassed Hospital; Najat Abu Baker, Director, PLC; Mahmoud Al-Aloul, PLC; Hatem Abdel Qader, Advisor, Prime Minister; Dr. Nabil Sha'ath, Member of Fateh Central Committee; Rabiha Diab, PLC; Raed Abu Ghazaleh, Director, Dr. Nabil Shaath Office; Abdel Qader Hussein, Chair, Faisal Hussein Foundation; Ghassan Shak'a, PLO Executive Committee; Mahfouz Abu Turk, Photo journalist.

25 October 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Holy Land: Views on Israeli-Palestinian Relations**

Speaker: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA.

Participant(s): Delegation of Harvard University alumni: Dore Ellen Kallman, retired Education Executive; Andrew Hertig, Teacher; Jane Carr, R.E. Broker; Bill and Fay Windle, retired; Tabitha Huber; Susan Young, retired Executive; Peter A. Danelo, retired Attorney; Steven J. Zwick, Attorney; Sandra Napolitan, retired; Everett Mendelsohn, Professor; James Napolitan, retired Psychologist, Commodity Trader; Nina Moriarty, Professor of Art History; Marshall Moriarty, Lawyer; Ron Waltor, retired; Carolyn Levy; Steven Levy, retired.

11 November 2008, PASSIA, Ramallah

Topic: **Meeting with a French Delegation of Researchers**

Speaker: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA.

Participant(s): Dominique Ballereau; Malika Bakhti; Marie-Claude Beaudreau-Riviere; Sabiha Benhabyles-Ben Salem; Monique Bertin; Dominique Bertrand-Jacquemont; Danielle Bidard-Reydet; Arlette Bricout; Serge Bricout Maurice; Buttin; Lucien Champenois; Paulette Fost; Jacques Fournier; Andree Grassullo-Odille; Jean-Jacques Hocquard; Bernard Hugo; Monique Hugo-Baumgarten; Pierre Hunt; Simone Korzec-Raynaud; Marc Lacreuse Patrick; Lechopier; Michele Lechopier; May Maalouf-Monneau; Marie- François Morvan-Duclos; Claudie Naudan-Pomarede; Marie Jeanine Pietruszynski; Francisca Rodriguez; Arlette Sylvestre-Galinier.

16 November 2008, German House, Ramallah

Topic: **60 Tears Israel – Taking Stock**

Speaker: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA.

Participant(s): *German Journalists Representing Different Media Sectors & Institutions from the German Federal Agency for Civic Education*: Maren Beuscher, ZDF, Berlin; Robert Bongen, Norddeutscher Rundfunk, Hamburg; Thomas Fricker, Badische Zeitung, Freiburg; Dieter Fuchs, Stuttgarter Zeitung, Stuttgart; Rachel Bettina

Gehlhoff, Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk (MDR), Halle/Saale; Dorothea Hahn, die tageszeitung (taz), Berlin; Frank Hartkopf, MDR, Leipzig; Axel John, NDR/ARD, Berlin; Birgit Langhammer, NDR-INFO, Hamburg; Michael Lohse, Westdeutscher Rundfunk, Köln; Aneta Panek, Rundfunk Berlin-Brandenburg, Potsdam; Ina Rottscheidt, Deutsche Welle, Bonn; Barbara Schneider, Evangelischer Pressedienst, Berlin; Roland Schneider, RBB, Berlin; Cordelia Strauß, Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen (ZDF TV), Unterföhring; Sarah Stricker, Vanity Fair, Berlin; Natalie Tenberg, die tageszeitung, Berlin; Doris Tromballa, Bayerisches Fernsehen, München; Dr. Christina Wendt, Märkische Oderzeitung, Frankfurt/Oder; Ursula Wissemann, Phoenix, Bonn.

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26 March 2009, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestinians in Regional Political Dynamics

Participant(s): Delegation of British Officials from the British Embassy in Tel Aviv and Amman, and the British Consulate General in Jerusalem: Tel Aviv: Mel McNulty; Alan Stewart; Karen Kaufman; Shachar Mordechai; Lisa Farrington; Dean Hurlock; Natalie Singer; Amman: Michael Cockle, Political Section Chief; Jerusalem: John Edwards; Chris Merritt; Karen McLuskie; Jude Muxworthy; Jumana Jaouoni; Fadi Adeeb; Michael Jilleh; Michael Sansour.

28 March 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestine and International Relations

Participant(s): Delegation of Middle East Officers from the German Federal Foreign Office: Friederike Hellner, Amman; Michael Ohnmacht, Beirut; Stefan Bantle, Berlin; Judit Goldstein, Berlin; Sonja Jelineck, Berlin; Andreas Peschke, Berlin; Rainer Breul, Brüssel; Tobias Tunkel, Brüssel; Petra Drexler, Damascus; Hans-Werner Bussmann, Cairo; Rainer Lassig, London; Thorsten Hutter, Moscow; Achim Fabig, New York; Helmut Rausch, Paris; Philip Holzapfel, Ramallah; Gerhard Schlaudraff, Ramallah; Anne Wagner, Ramallah; Gregory Bledjian, Tel Aviv; Mathias Licharz, Tel Aviv; Uwe Schmalz, Tel Aviv; Andreas Prothmann, Washington; Sibylle Sorg, Berlin; Miriam Lenz, Berlin.

13 May 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Changing Political Landscape in Palestine

Participant(s): Swedish Theological Institute visiting Delegation from the Church of Sweden in Jerusalem: Sasa Farkas, Student; Bernice Magnusson, Student; Johanna Risenfors, Student; Christina Packalén, Student counselor; Kenan Habul, Journalist student; Puneet Acharya; Stefan Adolfsson, Student; Marie Korner, Pastor; Jeppelina Schoug, Student; Attila Palcso, Priest; Annika Wenemark, Teacher; Jessica Tranlander, Student; Kim Lofqvist, Student; Helena Eriksson, Student; Christina Roeser, Student; Lars Michael VS Adrian, Head of Education in a Town in Sweden; Tobias Rydqvist, Student; Maria Widermark, Priest; Jennie Forsberg, Student; Hakan Bengtsson, Director, Swedish Theological Institute.

28 May 2009, Ramallah.

Topic: Hamas - From Resistance to Political Movement?

Speakers: Dr. Mahmoud Ramahi, Secretary General of the PLC (Change and Reform); Paola Caridi, Historian, Journalist and Author ("*Hamas - Che cos'è e cosa vuole il movimento radicale palestinese*"), Rome/Jerusalem; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA.

Participant(s): Emilio Dabed, PhD Student; Wardeh Tamim, FES; Bishwadip Dey, Indian Representative; Dr. Ercan Ozer, Turkish Consul; Nadia El-Quargui, Adviser to EUSR; Jimela Saidem, Palestinian Union of Women; Laura Maritano, Researcher; Sami Bahour; Sam Bahour, Applied Information Management, Ramallah; Fajr Harb, Carter Center; Abraham de Kruijf, IDA Innovatie, Netherlands; Yasser Khellef, Sciences- PO, Paris; Mazen Sinokrot, CEO Sinokrot Group; Daoud Talhami, Writer; Daniel Magrizos, Ignacio Garcia, Maria Corral, Humanitarian Workers; Victoria Sjolander, Political Adviser, EUPOL COPPS; Roberta Pasini, Raffaele Spiga, Decentralized Cooperation Unit, Regione Emilia Romagna; Jaroslav Petrik, PhD Student; Bassem Al-Khalidi, Political Advisor, UN; Mads Mayerhofer, DHOM (Denmark); Henrik Meyer, FES; Dr. Sabri Saidam, Presidential Advisor, Ramallah; Alaa Mansour; David Jackson, FAO; Mohammad Masrouji, Chairman, Palestinian Businessman Association; Katharina Konarek, FES; Omar Shehadeh, Researcher; Cristina Grazlani, Carlos Diaz, FAO; Mounir Qleibo, ILO; Ghassan Abdullah; Amani Sarsour, Al-Bireh Council; Imad Amar; Khalid Naseef, Nicolas Masse, Roland Friedrich, DCAF; Roger Heacock, Birzeit University; Joel Cohen, Student; Ilaria De Banis, Journalist; Najwa Najjar, Filmmaker; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Al-Quds University; Veronique Maussarone, Casa Della Toscana – Representative of the Region Tuscany.

29 Sep 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Personal Data Security and the Law

Participant(s): Francesco Pizzetti, President of Italy DPA; Francesco Santillo, Consul, Italian Consulate; Mohammed Nusseibeh; Jamil Hamami, Al-Quds University; Dr. Arafat Hidmi, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Makassed Charitable Islamic Society; Zahi Khoury, Businessman; Mohammed Dajani, Professor, Wasatia Forum; Bishop Dr. Munib Younan, Lutheran Redeemer Church; Abdel Qader Hussein, Faisal Hussein Foundation.

12 Oct. 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Experience the Holy Land

Participant(s): Young Presidents' Organization: Roberto Boghossian; Yann Borgstedt; Robin David Greenhalgh; Caroline Greenhalgh; John C. Hugon; Badr H Jafar; Petra Nemcova; Thomas Kaneb; Gail Kaneb; Greg Kiessling; Omar M. Masri; Yves J. Paternot; Louise Goodfellow; Yasser Shahin; Sam Shahin; Rama Sifri; Majed Sifri; Peter C Stas; Ali Sulaiman; Zuhoor Sulaiman.

Briefings

Note: Briefings that did not take place at PASSIA were events to which Dr. Mahdi was invited in order to comment on and analyze the current situation.

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7 January 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The Visit of President George W. Bush to the Region**
Participant(s): VOA & Sawa Radio; Finland Radio.

8 January 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The Visit of President George W. Bush to Jerusalem**
Participant(s): Mirvat M. Abu Soud, Correspondent of Saudi Ch2; Samer Jallad, cameraman.

8 January 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Palestinian Internal Issues and Israel**
Participant(s): Mervin Verbit, Professor; Richard Belsky, (History) Professor; Janna Wasilewski, Professor; David Garland, Professor; Diana Garland, Dean of Social Work; Meejeong Hong, Professor; Michael Koppisch, Professor; Kathie P. Larr, Professor.

11 January 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The Visit of President George W. Bush to the Region**
Participant(s): Quil Lawrence, correspondent for PRI's *One World* radio programme.

12 January 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The Visit of President George W. Bush to Jerusalem**

Participant(s): *American Students Visiting from Bowdoin College, Maine:* Niki Fitzgerald; Jess Weaver; Alexandra Locke; Joshua Miller; Anna Karass; Joseph Frazer; Nellie Connolly; Nick Simon; Kathleen Yaworsky; Mathew Ginther; Carla Cambiasso Helfer; Andrew Edwards; Rob Halliday; Hobie Kropp; Catherine Chin; Aaron Cole; Joelinda Coichy; Sacha Chiniara.

12 January 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Research Studies Program**
Participant(s): Prof. Kyung Keun Song (PhD), Dept. of Arabic Language, Chosun University; Research Prof. Wang Jong Yoo (PhD), Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Konkuk University; Instructor Young Chol Choe (PhD); Dept. of General Education, Seoul Jangsin University; Research Prof. Meejeong Hong (PhD), The Institute of the Middle East Studies, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, General Director of Islamic Research Center, Al-Quds University; Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University.

12 January 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The Visit of President George W. Bush to the Region**
Participant(s): Dr. Rafael Hoffmann, The Federal College of Security Studies; Manfred Bohr, The Federal College of Security Studies, Berlin;

Gudrun Isphording, Deputy Head of the German Representative Office in Ramallah.

21 January 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The One-State Solution**
Participant(s): Karl Sabbagh, Author and TV Producer.

24 January 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Gaza Crisis**
Participant(s): Dyala Jwihan, Journalist, Al-Quds Net News Agency, Palestinian News Agency Wafa.

26 January 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The Breakout from Gaza into Egypt**
Participant(s): Matthew Gutman, ABC News.

26 January 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The Breakout from Gaza into Egypt**
Participant(s): Wajih Owaineh, Saudi TV.

27 January 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The Crisis in Gaza**
Participant(s): Danny Rubinstein, *Ha'aretz*

28 January 2008, Working Dinner, Az-Zahra Hotel, Jerusalem
Topic: **Gaza**
Participant(s): Ambassador Dr. Ralph Scheide, Deputy Director General for Political Affairs, Director of the Department Near and Middle East, Africa, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Vienna; Dr. Oskar Wuestinger, Austrian Representative, Ramallah.

4 February 2008, Working Lunch, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: **Gaza**
Participant(s): H.E. Sameh Nabil Said, Egyptian Diplomat, Egyptian Embassy, Tel Aviv.

5 February 2008, Working Dinner, Residence of the Swedish Consul General
Topic: **Sweden and the Palestinians**
Participants: Mr. Nils Eliasson, Consul General, Swedish Consulate, Jerusalem; MP. Goran Lenmark, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Swedish Parliament, Head of the Security and Europe; Dr. Sari & Dr. Lucy Nusseibeh; Mr. Ziad Bandak.

6 February 2008, Jerusalem
Topic: **Gaza**
Participants: Al-Jazeera TV Crew

13 February 2008, Jerusalem
Topic: **The Palestinian Internal Impasse**
Participant(s): Royce Kuzwayo, Deputy, South Africa Representative, Ramallah

14 February 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The Impasse in Palestinian Internal Politics**
Participant(s): Min. Plen. Maurizio Massari, Head of Policy Planning Unit, The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Consul Francesco Santillo, The Italian Consulate General, Jerusalem.

20 February 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The Palestinian Internal Impasse**
Participant(s): Mr. Sten Arne Rosnes, Representative of Norway to the Palestinian Authority; Ms. Guri Solberg, First Political Secretary at the

Representative Office of Norway to the Palestinian Authority.

21 February 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Lessons from the Oslo Accords**

Participant(s): Rasmus Grue Christensen, Deputy Representative and Head of Development, Danish Representative Office, Ramallah; Lasse Brodersen, Danish Representative Office; Leila Stockmar, Danish Representative Office; Sarah Anne Rennick, PASSIA researcher.

3 March 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Condoleezza Rice's Visit and the Israeli Assault on Gaza**

Participant(s): ABC Australia, Ben Knight; Yo'av Appel.

3 March 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Condoleezza Rice's Visit to the Middle East**

Participant(s): Aljazeera English, Sherine Tadros, Reporter; Adam Pines, Producer.

4 March 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Joint Seminar on Finland**

Participant(s): Outi Saarikoski, Deputy Representative of Finland to the Palestinian Authority.

5 March 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The Visit of Condoleezza Rice to the Region**

Participant(s): Firas Lutfi, Reporter, Nile TV, Egypt.

5 March 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Condoleezza Rice's Visit and Prospects for a Truce in Gaza**

Participant(s): Michael Zumiot, Producer, Palmedia, Jordan TV.

5 March 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The Impasse in Palestinian Politics**

Participant(s): Leila Drar, Political Analyst, Swedish Foreign Ministry, Stockholm; Lt.-Col Lars-Gunnar Falk, Security Expert; Frederik Kirst, Political Officer, Swedish Consulate-General, Jerusalem.

6 March 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Interview for a Documentary Film**

Participant(s): Dietmar Schulz, Foreign Affairs Editor, ZDF German Television.

25 March 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The Palestinian Impasse**

Participant(s): Kyler Kronmiller, Political Officer, US State Department, US Consulate General, Jerusalem.

25 March 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The 1948 Palestinian Nakba**

Participant(s): Iren Meier, Foreign Editor, Schweizer Radio DRS, Swiss National Public Radio, News Department, Berne.

25 March 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The Policies of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon**

Participant(s): Peter Hyun Ryu, Second Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Korea; Mr. Kang Hwang Wook, Resident Representative, Palestine Office of KOICA (Korean International Cooperation Agency).

31 March 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Palestinian-Israeli Impasse**

Participant(s): International Labor Office (ILO) Delegation, Geneva,

Switzerland; Friedrich Butler, Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, ILO Geneva; Steven Oates, Senior Legal Advisor, ILO Geneva; Philippe Egger, Deputy Director, Office of the Director-General, ILO Geneva; Tarq Haq, Employment, Development and Strategies Officer, Regional Officer, Beirut; Rasha Al-Shurafa, Director of Jerusalem Office, ILO.

1 April 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Israeli Settlements**

Participant(s): Ambassador (Ret.) Philip C. Wilcox, Jr., President, Foundation for Middle East Peace.

1 April 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Palestinian Nakba**

Participant(s): Cesky Rozhlas; Bretislav Turecek, Middle East Correspondent.

2 April 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Human Rights Issues**

Participant(s): Timothy Rothermel, Director, West Bank/Gaza Field Officer, The Carter Center.

2 April 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **A Palestinian State**

Participant(s): Georgetown University Academic Team.

3 April 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Czech Foreign Policy towards Palestine and Israel**

Participant(s): Ivo Silhavy, Head of Mission, Representative Office of the Czech Republic, Ramallah.

15 April 2008, Working Lunch, Gemzo Suites, Hemingway Restaurant, Ramallah

Topic: **Meeting President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter**

Participant(s): Dr. Iyad Sarraj; Dr. Mustafa Barghouthi; Dr. Jamal Sha'ar; Dr. Hanna Nasser; Lily Faidi; Zahira Kamal; Dr. Nabil Qassis.

16 April 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Palestinian-Israeli Impasse**

Participant(s): Harald Leibrecht; Marina Schuster, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, FDP Parliamentary Group; Dr. Werner Hoyer, Member of the German Bundestag, Deputy Chairman, FDP Parliamentary Group.

29 April 2008, Working Dinner at the Residence of the Deputy Head of the German Representative Office, Gudrun Isphording, Jerusalem

Topic: **Recent Developments in Palestine**

Participant(s): Hubertus Heil, Secretary General, Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD); Knut Dethlefsen, Resident Representative, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Jerusalem; Dr. and Mrs. Sari Nusseibeh, President, Al-Quds University; Dr. Khuloud Daibes, Minister of Tourism.

6 May 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Middle East Peace Process**

Participant(s): Ronald Carroll, Peace Talks, FM, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

6 May 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Civil Society Issues**

Participants: Rima Al-Azar, Consultant; Fadi Hidmi, Project Analyst; Majd Abu Soud, Project Coordinator

7 May 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Refugee Issues**

Participant(s): Prof. Emanuel Marx, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv; Nitza Nachmias, Ph.D., Department of Political Science, Towson University, Towson, Maryland, US.

7 May 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Palestinian Nakba of 1948**

Participant(s): Rodrigo Durao Coelho, Middle East Reporter, Brazilian Section, BBC World Service; Matias Zibell, Spanish American Section, BBC World Service.

7 May 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Palestinian Nakba of 1948**

Participant(s): Adam Kautsky, Foreign News Reporter, Czech Television.

12 May 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian-Israeli Impasse**

Participant(s): Frederik Kirst, Political Officer, Swedish Consulate-General, Jerusalem.

12 May 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Palestinian Nakba**

Participant(s): Mark Ooms, VRT, Belgian Public Radio.

13 May 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian-Israeli Talks & President Bush's Visit to the Middle East**

Participant(s): Maria Gianniti, Journalist, Italian State Radio.

14 May 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Europe and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict**

Participant(s): Francesco Santillo, Consul, Consulate General of Italy, Jerusalem.

14 May 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **President George Bush & Israel's 60th Anniversary**

Participant(s): N.J. Burkett, Correspondent, ABC, WABC-TV, New York.

24 May 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Peace Process**

Participant(s): Geraldine Sicola, Associate General Secretary, American Friends Service Committee; Ron Kraybill, Ph.D, Quaker International Affairs Representative in the Middle East, Senior Advisor on Peace building and Diplomacy, American Friends Service Committee; David L. Johnson, Acting Regional Director, American Friends Service Committee, Amman.

27 May 2008, Representative Office of Portugal, Ramallah

Topic: **Meeting with Dr. Jorge Sampaio, Former President of Portugal, High UN Representative for Alliance of Civilization**

Participant(s): Dr. Ghassan Khatib; Dr. Diana Buttou; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway; Dr. Ziad Abu Zayyad.

28 May 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **South Korea's Peace Building Initiative**

Participant(s): Kak Soo Shin, Ambassador of South Korea.

28 May 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Prospects for Negotiations in Palestine**

Participant(s): H.E. Dr. Kgalema Motlanthe, Deputy President, The African National Congress (ANC); H.E. Dr. L.S. Ted Pekane, South African Representative Office to the Palestinian Authority; Edgar Motsisi, First Secretary.

29 May 2008, PASSIA Jerusalem

Topic: **Civil Society and Palestinian Politics**

Participant(s): Michael Monahan, Director, International Center; Frank Adler, Professor of Political Science; Terry Boychuk, Professor of Sociology; Ahmed Samintar, Institute for Global Citizenship; Thomas Ricks, Dept. of History, University of Pennsylvania; Wendy Weber, Dept. of Political Science; Chuen-Fung Wong, Music Dept.; Lucy Forster-Smith, Chaplain; Olga Gonzales, Dept. of Anthropology; Khaldoun Samman, Dept. of Sociology.

4 June 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Education**

Participant(s): Dr. Salim Al-Qutob; Dr. Arafat Al-Hidmi; Jamal Abu Tomi; Wasfi Al-Tamimi; Zahira Kamal; Dr. Ishaq Al-Qutub.

5 June 2008

Topic: **Hamas**

Participants: Al-Ahram weekly online correspondents.

5 June 2008

Topic: **Obama's AIPAC Speech**

Participant(s): NBC News TV.

9 June 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The State of Palestinian NGOs**

Participant(s): Professor Terry Boychuk, Department of Sociology,

Macalester College; Professor Khaldoun Samman, Department of Sociology, Macalester College.

9 June 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **South Africa Political Initiatives**

Participant(s): Royce Kuzwayo, Deputy, South Africa Representative Office, Ramallah.

11 June 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Civil Society and the Culture of Peace**

Participant(s): Everett Mendelsohn, Professor, History of Science Dept., Harvard University; Isabella Jean, Field Associate, CDA Collaborative Learning Projects.

12 June 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Internal Palestinian Issues and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict**

Participant(s): Dr. Nagy Andor, Politician; Tibor Karpati, Politician; Jozsef Kozma, MP; Zsolt Nemeth, MP of FIDESZ; Andras Klein, Foreign Affairs Committee; Bela Jungbert, Head, Hungarian Representative Office, Ramallah; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Professor, Al-Quds University.

14 June 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **How to Resolve the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict?**

Participant(s): Robert Mayer, Teacher; Steven Lee, Professor; Torie Scott, Librarian; Keith St. Clair, Professor; Richard Benfield, Professor of Geography; Paetra Hauck, Manager, Institute of International Education; Joyce Brotton, Professor of English; Allison Hodgkins, CIEE Resident Director, International Study Program; Richard Hunt, Professor; Kathleen

Ochshorn, Professor; Terry Markos, Director, International Service.

16 June 2008, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Two Narratives of Palestinian-Israeli Negotiations**

Participant(s): Conor O'Riordan; Pinhas Inbari; Yohanan Tzoref; Tamar Arieli; Ziong Rhee, Korean Embassy; Dan Katarivas; Prof. Itzhak Galnoor; Dr. Anat Lapidot-Firila; Dr. Maya Kahanov; Haifa Sabag; Prof. Alfred Tobias; Dr. Merav Mack; Prof. Yossi Yona; Dr. Bashir Bashir; Prof. Rabbi Naftali, Rotenberg; Ofer Zaltzberg; Harriet Gimpel; Ronni Shaked; Yizhar Be'er; Amit Leshem; Dr. Adel Manna.

17 June 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Abu Mazen Initiative**

Participant(s): Fredrik Kirst, Consul, Political Affairs, Sweden; Anna Brodin, Consul, Political Affairs, Sweden.

17 June 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Demilitarizing Conflicts - Learning Lessons from Northern Ireland, Palestine and Israel**

Participant(s): Dr. Corinna Hauswedell, Director of Studies, International Politics, Academy Loccum; Dr. Margret Johannsen, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, University of Hamburg (IFSH).

17 June 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Civil Society and Security**

Participant(s): Colonel Nick Pratt, USMC (Ret), Field Staff, Middle East Field Office, Special Envoy for Middle East Regional Security Office.

19 June 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Civil Society Issues**

Participant(s): Charles King, professor, Georgetown University; Dwight McBride, Dean, Professor, University of Illinois, Chicago; Jeremy Varon, Professor of History, Drew University; Jennifer Lind, Professor, Dartmouth College; Rowey Mehta Horowitz, Tour Guide; Elisabeth Clemens, Professor, University of Chicago; Shinasi Rama, Professor, New York University; Mervin Verbit, Professor, Touro College.

23 June 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Venezuelan-Palestinian Relations**

Participant(s): Jonathan Velasco, Encargado de Negocios, Venezuelan Representative Office.

25 June 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Internal Palestinian Politics and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

Participant(s): South Africa Parliamentary Delegation: Mpho Mashaba, researcher; Dineo Martin, Committee secretary; Sheila Camerer, member of Parliament (MP); Royce Kuzwayo, South African Representative (SAREP); Edgar Motsisi, SAREP; Hon MB Skosana, MP; M. P. Sibande, ANC MP; Cassandra Mbuyane-Mokone, Dept. of Foreign Affairs; Mewa Ramgobin, ANC MP; Dumisani Job Sithole, Chairman of the committee, ANC MP; L. S. Pekane, South African Representative; Charl Manning, SAREP.

28 June 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Academic Cooperation**

Participant(s): Dr. Andrew Rigby, Professor of Peace Studies, Centre for Peace & Reconciliation Studies, Coventry University, UK.

3 July 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Elections in Palestine**
Participant(s): Larry Garber, Executive Director, New Israel Fund, Washington, DC.

8 July 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Law and Justice**
Participant(s): Stephen Zaluski, The International Development Group, Department of Justice, Canada; Alnoor S. Meghani, Counsel, International Legal Programs Section, Department of Justice, Canada.

10 July 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Civil Society Issues**
Participant(s): Dr. Pamela Scholey, Principal, The SecDev Group, Canada; Teije Hidde Donker, Researcher, Conflict Research Unit, Netherlands Institute of International Relations, Clingendael.

10 July 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The Impact of Regional Politics on the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict**
Participant(s): Royce Kuzwayo, Deputy, South Africa Representative, Ramallah.

16 July 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Civil Society**
Participant(s): Aaron M. Wenner, A.M. Candidate, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University.

16 July 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: What lies Ahead?**
Participant(s): Ahmad Mashaal, Journalist, German TV ZDF; Corine de Vries, Foreign Editor, [de Volkskrant](#); Graham Dines, Political Editor, *East Anglian Daily Times*; Anna von Sperling,

Journalist, *Dagbladet Information*; Girts Kondrats, Foreign Editor, *Latvija Avize*; Zsolt Sandor, Foreign Editor, TV2, Hungary; Frances Gleeson, Journalist, *Irish Examiner*; Fontaine Daniel, *RTBF radio*, Belgium; Georg Baltissen, *Tageszeitung*, Berlin; Valentia Bonaccorso, European Journalism Centre; Jurate Juskaite, *Elektriny kroniko*; Andre Matisak, *Pravda*; Martina Maskova, *The Czech Radio*; Matjaz Trost, Journalist, *Radio Slovenija*; Ana Alonso-Montes, Journalist, *El Mundo*; Andrzej Godlewski, Journalist, Poland; Marina Pimentel, Radio Renascenca, Portugal; Nadim al-Jamal, Middle East Regional Coordinator, International News Safety Institute, Jerusalem.

16 July 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The Events in Sudan**
Participant(s): A'atef Daghas, Journalist, Al-jazeera, Nablus.

31 July 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Olmert's Resignation and the Negotiation Process**
Participant(s): Wajeh Oweteh, Journalist, Saudi Arabia TV; Shafiq Mansour, Producer, Nile TV; Afif Amaera, Cameraman, Nile TV, Shireen Yaseen, Journalist, Press TV.

4 August 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Internal Palestinian Politics**
Participant(s): Chiaki Matsumoto, Political Analyst, Representative Office of Japan to the Palestinian Authority, Ramallah.

5 August 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Internal Palestinian Politics**
Participant(s): Edgar Motsisi, First Secretary, Representative Office of South Africa, Ramallah.

6 August 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **ILO and UNDP Perspectives on Developments**

Participant(s): Munir Qleibo, Head of ILO, Jerusalem; Raul Rosende, Peace and Development Advisor, UNDP, Jerusalem.

7 August 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Internal Palestinian Politics**

Participant(s): Kyler Kronmiller, Consul, US Consulate, Jerusalem.

28 August 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **South African-Palestinian Relations**

Participant(s): Dr. Frene Ginwala, Former Speaker of the National Assembly of the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, senior ANC member; Dr. L. S. Ted Pekane, Representative, Representative Office of South Africa, Ramallah; Royce Kuzwayo, Deputy South African Representative.

1 September 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Finland and Palestine: Development of Political Relations**

Participant(s): Dr. Tito Gronow, Regional Manager, Middle East Peace Process, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland.

3 September 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Political Developments in Palestine**

Participant(s): Philippe Potjes, Deputy Consul General, Consulate of Belgium, Jerusalem; Royce Kuzwayo, Deputy Representative, Representative Office of South Africa, Ramallah.

6 September 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian Civil Society Issues**

Participant(s): Paul Rassadin, Attaché, Russian Representative Office, Ramallah.

8 September 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Gaza and the Arab Initiative**

Participant(s): Sameh Nabil Said, Consul General, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Tel Aviv.

10 September 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The One-State Solution**

Participant(s): Cecilia Udden, Middle East Correspondent, Swedish Broadcasting, Amman.

17 September 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian Refugees**

Participant(s): Delegation from FAFO AIS/Norwegian Institute for Applied International Studies, Oslo, Aage Tiltness, Middle East coordinator; Mona Christophersen, Researcher.

16 October 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **UNSCO's Mission and Cooperation**

Participant(s): Hayat Abu Saleh, Public Information Assistant, Office of the United Nations Special Co-ordinator for the Middle East Peace Process (UNSCO), Jerusalem; Richard Miron, Chief Public Information Officer, UNSCO, Jerusalem.

21 October 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Palestine Question - Current Developments**

Participant(s): Vidar Thorsteinsson, Writer, Journalist, Iceland.

22 October 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Visit by the Swedish Foreign Ministry, the Swedish Permanent Representation to Brussels, and the Consulate General**

Participant(s): Anna Jardfelt Melvin, Consul; Maria Linderyd Linder, Consul; Anna Brodin, Consul, Political Affairs, Permanent Representation of Sweden, Jerusalem.

22 October 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Poverty and Unemployment in Palestine**

Participant(s): Terry and Michele Finseth, Presbyterian Church, USA.

23 October 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Negotiations and the Agendas of Olmert and Abbas**

Participant(s): Firas Hamed, Correspondent; Lion Fishbein, Cameraman - Russia Today TV *Rusya Al-Yaum*.

27 October 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: What Lies Ahead?**

Participant(s): Arie Spitz, Head of Department for Palestinian Affairs, Ministry of Defense, Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories, State of Israel; Alon Eviatar; Ofer Cohen.

12 November 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Internal Palestinian Impasse**

Participant(s): Royce Kuzwayo, Deputy, South Africa Representative Office, Ramallah; Edgar Motsisi, First Secretary, Representative Office of South Africa, Ramallah.

15 November 2008, Working Lunch Ramallah Office

Topic: **The Palestinian Impasse and the Arab-Israeli Conflict**

Participant(s): Dr. Rolf Muetzenich, Chairman of the SPD Working Group on the Middle East in the German Bundestag; Knut Dethlefsen, Resident Representative, Fredrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Jerusalem.

15 November 2008, Ramallah Office

Topic: **The Palestinian Impasse and the Arab-Israeli Conflict**

Participant(s): Paul Rassadin, Attaché, Russian Representative Office, Ramallah.

16 November 2008, Working Dinner, Askadina Restaurant, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Palestinian Impasse and the Arab-Israeli Conflict**

Participant(s): Visiting Delegation from the US Department of State: David F. Gordon, Director of Policy Planning; B. Todd Deatherage, Policy Planning Staff Office of the Secretary; Ash Jain, Member, Policy Planning Staff; Neil W. Hop, Political Officer, US Consulate, Jerusalem.

19 November 2008, Working Dinner, Askadina Restaurant, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Future of the Peace Process**

Participant(s): Yuan Qi, Reporter, China Radio International (CRI).

1 December 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Indonesia and Palestine**

Participant(s): HE Faris Mehdawi, Palestinian Ambassador, Jakarta, Indonesia.

3 December 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Canada's Foreign Policy and the Middle East

Participant(s): Peter Bakewell, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Canada; Roger Chahine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Canada; Alexandre Kofi Bilodeau, Head of Political Section, Representative Office of Canada, Ramallah.

4 December 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Civil Society and Party Development in Palestine

Participant(s): Jean-Noe-Candry, Consultant, NDI; Tomislav-Domagoj Perica, Senior Program Manager, NDI; Seree Hashweh, Political Program Assistant, NDI.

23 December 2008, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestinian Prisoners

Participant(s): Pierre Wettach, Head of Delegation, Tel Aviv, ICRC; Katharina Ritz, Head of Mission, Jerusalem, ICRC.

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7 January 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Regional and Global Political Impacts of the War on Gaza

Participant(s): Dr. I. William Zartman, Jacob Blaustein Professor of International Organizations and Conflict Resolution, American Institute for Maghrib Studies, Director, SAIS Conflict Management Program, John Hopkins University.

12 January 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The War on Gaza

Participant(s): Igor Pogacar, Head of the Representative Office of Slovenia, Ramallah.

13 January 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Internal Palestinian Impasse

Participant(s): Royce Kuzwayo, Deputy Representative, Representative Office of South Africa, Ramallah.

13 January 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The War on Gaza

Participant(s): Dr. Jerome M. Segal, Senior Research Scholar at the University of Maryland, President and Founder of the Jewish Peace Lobby.

14 January 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The War on Gaza

Participant(s): Leila Farsakh, Professor of Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Boston.

18 January 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The New Agenda in US-Israel Security

Participant(s): Atef Dalghas, Al-jazeera.net.

19 January 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Political Situation in the Palestinian Territories

Participant(s): Francois Penguilly, Deputy Consul, French Consulate General, Jerusalem.

21 January 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Obama Presidency, the Future of Gaza and Palestinian Unity

Participant(s): Fabio Chiuconi, Journalist, RAI (Radio Televisione Italiana), Italy.

27 January 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Korean-Palestinian Relations

Participant(s): Yoo, Wang Jong, Ph.D, Research Professor, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Konkuk University; Young-Chol Choe, Ph.D, Seoul Jangsin University.

28 January 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The Political Future of Palestine**

Participant(s): Kyler Kronmiller, Political Officer, US Consulate, Jerusalem.

2 Feb 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Day after Gaza**

Participant(s): Presbyterian Church (USA) leadership delegation: The Reverend Gradye Parsons, Clerk of the General Assembly; J. Randal Ackley, Coordinator of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; The Reverend Dr. Victor E. Makari, Coordinator of the Office for the Middle East; Douglas Dicks, Regional Liaison to Jordan, Israel and Palestine for the PC (USA).

4 Feb 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Impact of Settlements on the Future of a Palestinian State**

Participant(s): Tony Sarver, US Army Visiting Defense Fellow, Center for International Relations, Queen's University, Canada.

4 Feb 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Israeli Elections of 2009**

Participant(s): Luis Ramirez, Jerusalem Bureau Chief, Voice of America.

8 Feb 2009, Jerusalem

Topic: **Negotiations between Hamas and Israel in Cairo**

Participant(s): Laila Shikhli, Al-Jazeera TV.

12 Feb 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Israeli Elections of 2009**

Participant(s): Knut Erik Holm, NRK Radio Norway.

13 Feb 2009, Jerusalem

Topic: **On Israel**

Participant(s): Awad Rojoub, Al-Jazeera TV.

14 Feb 2009, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Present and Future of Palestine**

Participant(s): Marian Stefan, Representative of Romania.

17 Feb 2009, Jerusalem

Topic: **Why Palestinians See Advantages to Israeli "Hawks" in the Cabinet**

Participant(s): Orly Halpern, Journalist, Jerusalem.

18 Feb 2009, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Day after Gaza**

Participant(s): Hubertus Heil, General Secretary of SPD; Knut Dethlefsen, Representative of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES).

19 Feb 2009, Jerusalem

Topic: **Japanese Interests in the Current Impasse**

Participant(s): Masahiko Mitsumoto, Deputy Head, Representative Office of Japan to the Palestinian Authority, Ramallah.

19 Feb 2009, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Israeli Elections and the Future of Palestine**

Participant(s): Royce Kuzwayo, Deputy Representative; Edgar Motsisi, Second Political Secretary, South African Representative Office to the Palestinian National Authority, Ramallah.

20 Feb 2009, Jerusalem (Working Dinner)

Topic: **US-Palestinian Relations**

Participant(s): Zach Wamp, Member of Congress, USA; Mazen Sinokrot, CEO Sinokrot Group.

21 Feb 2009, Jerusalem

Topic: **Europe and Gaza**

Participant(s): Niels Annen, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Member of the SPD Executive Board, Germany.

18 March 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Palestinian National Talks in Cairo**

Participant(s): Francesco Santillo, Consul, Italian Consulate, Jerusalem.

25 March 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian Internal Politics**

Participant(s): Alberto Oggero, Adviser to the EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process, CONSILIUM, Brussels.

26 March 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Internal Palestinian Politics and the West's Agenda**

Participant(s): Christoph Schult, *Der Spiegel* (German News Magazine), Jerusalem.

31 March 2009, Working Lunch, Jerusalem

Topic: **Internal Palestinian Politics**

Participant(s): Siegmund Ehrmann, MP (SPD), Deputy Chairman of the

Committee on Cultural and Media Affairs, Member of the Committee on Internal Affairs; Kerstin Griese, MP (SPD), Member of the SPD board, Member of the board of the SPD Parliamentary Group, Commissioner of the SPD Parliamentary Group for Churches and Religious Affairs, Chairperson of the Family Affairs Committee; Christian Lange, MP (SPD), Member of the Committee on Economics and Technology, Member of the Board of Scrutiny, Immunity and Rules of Procedure, Member of Council of Elders, Deputy Whip; Dr. Carola Reimann, MP (SPD), Member of the Health Committee, Member of the Education, Research and Technology Assessment Committee, Member of the Enquete-Committee "Ethics and Rights of Modern Medicine"; Andreas Weigel, MP (SPD), Member of the Disarmament, Control of Armament and Non-Proliferation Committee, Member of the Economic Cooperation and Development Committee, Member of the Defense Committee; David Gill, Deputy Representative of the EKD Council (Protestant Church in Germany) to the German Federal Republic and the EU.

1 April 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Cairo Talks**

Participant(s): Dr. Jorge Torres Pereira, Representative of Portugal to the Palestinian Authority; Ana Coelho, Deputy Representative, Ramallah.

6 April 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Security**

Participant(s): Victoria Sjolanden, Political Advisor, EUPOL COPPS.

8 April 2009, Jerusalem

Topic: **Internal Palestinian Politics**
Participant(s): Royce Kuzwayo, Deputy Representative and Edgar Motsisi, Second Political Secretary, South African Representative Office to the Palestinian National Authority, Ramallah.

15 April 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **UNIMED**
Participant(s): Prof. Franco Rizzi, Secretary General of the Union of Mediterranean Universities UNIMED, Rome, Italy.

16 April 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Civil Society**
Participant(s): Sidney Leclercq, Institute of European Studies (Université Libre de Bruxelles).

16 April 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Palestinian Impasse**
Participant(s): Sam Ju Kwak, First Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Tel Aviv.

18 April 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian Internal Politics**
Participant(s): International Labor Organization (ILO) Delegation Geneva: Fredrich Buttler - Special Advisor to the Director General, ILO; Martin Oelz - Legal Officer and Human rights focal point International Labour Standards Department, ILO, Geneva; Tareq Haq - Employment Development & Strategies Officer, Regional office, Beirut; Mounir Kleibo, Representative, ILO, Jerusalem; Rasha El-Shruafa, Program Officer, ILO, Jerusalem.

22 April 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian Internal Politics**

Participant(s): Pia Rantala-Engberg, Representative Office of Finland, Ramallah; Dr. Heidi Huuhtanen and Ville Brummer, Members of the CMI team, Finland.

27 April 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The UN and the Palestinians**

Participant(s): Samer Abu Jobara, Political Affairs Officer; Pascal Soto, Head of Ramallah Office, Office of the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process (UNSCO).

19 May 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Obama-Netanyahu Meeting in Washington**

Participant(s): Osman SERT, Turkish Radio and Television (TRT) Jerusalem Bureau Chief, Jerusalem.

21 May 2009, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Palestinian Government**

Participant(s): Omar Karmi, Foreign Correspondent.

28 May 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Abu Mazen's Visit to Washington**

Participant(s): Dubai TV.

11 June 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Iranian Elections**

Participant(s): BBC Persian TV. Team, Mohammad Manzarpour, Correspondent, Middle East Bureau; Raya Fakhraldeen, Producer, Middle East Bureau; Jimmy Michael, Cameraman.

11 June 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Palestinian Impasse**

Participant(s): Kieth Kidd, Resident Country Director, West Bank/Gaza,

The International Republican Institute (IRI); Humaira Wakili, Program Officer, Middle East and North Africa, IRI.

13 June 2009, Ramallah

Topic: **On President Carter's Visit to Palestine**

Participant(s): Dr. Sabri Saidam; Mazen Sinkrot; Lana Abu Hjlleh.

16 June 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Internal Palestinian Security**

Participant(s): Matthew Bell, Reporter, The World Public Radio International, Boston, MA; Fouad Abu Shosh, BBC Jerusalem.

20 June 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Internal Palestinian Politics**

Participant(s): Hans-Christian Rossler, Correspondent, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ).

20 June 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Internal Palestinian Politics**

Participant(s): Robert Blecher, Senior Analyst, Middle East Program, International Crisis Group, Washington DC, USA.

22 June 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Iran**

Participant(s): Correspondents from bitterlemons.org

23 June 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **South Korea and Palestine**

Participant(s): Kwak, Sam Ju, First Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Korea; Sang Yoon Park, Head Representative at the Korean Representative Office to the PA.

23 June 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Palestinian Reconciliation Process**

Participant(s): Tetsushi Kondo, Head of the Representative Office of Japan to the PA.

23 June 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **International Seminar on Peace in the Middle East**

Participant(s): Rosimar Suzano, Deputy Representative, Representative Office of Brazil to the PA.

24 June 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian Nakba**

Participant(s): Leonidas Liambeys, Assistant Producer; Alon Farago, Cameraman, Anemon Productions.

30 June 2009, Working Breakfast, American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Kingdom of the Netherlands and Palestine**

Participant(s): H.E. Bert Koenders, Minister of Developments Cooperation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands; Francesco Mascini, Spokesperson of the Minister of Development Cooperation; Dr. Bernard Sabella, PLC Member, Jerusalem.

1 July 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Mexico and Palestine**

Participant(s): Dr. Leon Rodriguez Z., Head, Representative Office of Mexico, Ramallah.

1 July 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Settlement Activities**

Participant(s): Mirvat M. Abu Soud, Correspondent for Saudi Ch2, Jerusalem.

3 July 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The Palestinian-Israeli Impasse**
Participant(s): Latif Douri; Dr. Ali Abu Shahla, Gaza.

4 July 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Palestine and Turkey**
Participant(s): Nuray Mert, FreeLance Turkish Journalist.

4 July 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **The Rule of Law in OPT**
Participant(s): Natalie Rea, Executive Director, The International Legal Foundation (ILF); Polly Mallinson, ILF.

8 July 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Fateh's Sixth Convention 2009**
Participant(s): Ethan Bronner, Bureau Chief, The New York Times; Jo-Ann Mort, FreeLance Journalist.

9 July 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Israeli Settlements**
Participant(s): Adam Pines, Producer, Jerusalem, Al-Jazeera English; Dr. Kathryn Stapley, Senior Producer, Search for Common Ground in the Middle East.

21 July 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Palestinian Internal Dialogue**
Participant(s): Ibrahim Eid, Political Section; Rick Waters, Political Section Chief; Kyler Kronmiller, Political Officer, US Consulate, Jerusalem.

22 July 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Palestinian National Dialogue and the Upcoming Sixth Fateh Convention**

Participant(s): Damien Cristofari, Deputy Consulate General of France, Jerusalem.

3 August 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Fateh's Sixth Convention 2009 in Bethlehem**
Participant(s): Afif Safieh, PA Ambassador; Hanna Safieh, Member of the Fateh Revolution Council; Rouba Al-Fattal, PASSIA Intern.

3 August 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Topic: **Fateh's Sixth Convention 2009 in Bethlehem**
Participant(s): Baleka Mbete, Former Deputy President of the Country, Former Speaker of parliament, National Chairperson of the African National Congress (ANC), National Executive Committee Member; Manzini Mavivi, Former Deputy President of ANC Women's League; Rouba Al-Fattal, PASSIA Intern.

8 August 2009, Amman, Jordan
Topic: **The UN Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices**
Witness: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA, Jerusalem.

10 August 2009, PASSIA, Working Dinner, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem
Topic: **Fateh's Sixth Convention in Bethlehem August 4th-10th 2009**
Participant(s): Members of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) of Schleswig-Holstein, Sven Zylla, Head of Delegation; Achim Moller, Policy Adviser of the SPD; Michael Busemann, Adviser for the SPD event-management; Dorte Schramm, Adviser of the German MEP; Michael

Broning, FES Resident Representative, Jerusalem.

11 August 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Civil Society**

Participant(s): The International Republican Institute: Elizabeth Ruedy, Evaluation Officer; Humaira Wakili, Program Officer, Middle East & North Africa.

12 August 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Fateh's Sixth Convention 2009 and What Lies Ahead?**

Participant(s): Robert Van Embden, Head of Mission; Ziad Sharia, Development Program Officer, Representative Office of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the PA.

24 August 2009, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Israeli Elections and the Future of Palestine**

Participant(s): Royce Kuzwayo, Deputy Representative; Edgar Motsisi, Second Political Secretary, South African Representative Office to the Palestinian National Authority, Ramallah

26 August, 2009, Iftar, Grand Park Hotel, Ramallah

Topic: **The Mission of The Elders in the Occupied Palestinian Territories**

Participant(s): Members of The Elders who joined the Middle East delegation: Ela Bhatt; Gro Harlem Brundtland; Jimmy Carter; Mary Robinson; Desmond Mpilo Tutu; Richard Branson; Jeff Skoll; Mabel van Oranje.

27 August 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The PLO**

Participant(s): Anna Brodin, Consul, Political Affairs, Swedish Consulate, Jerusalem.

12 October 2009, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: **What is a Homeland/Understanding the Seeds of Statehood?**

Participant(s): Women Donors Network.

19 October 2009, Working Dinner, Ramallah

Topic: **Meeting with HE Javier Solana on Goldstone Report**

Participant(s): Ghassan Khatib; Nabil Kassis; Mazen Sinokrot; Mamdouh Aker; Bassem Khouri; Issa Kasassieh; Walid Najab; Hisham Shawwa.

22 Oct. 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **On Gaza**

Participant(s): The Japanese News Agency, Jiji Press.

2 November 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Palestinian Impasse**

Participant(s): Csaba Czibere, Head of Mission, Representative Office of the Republic of Hungary to the PA, Ramallah.

3 November 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Impact of Mrs. Hillary Clinton's Visit to the Region**

Participant(s): Damien Cristofari, Deputy Consulate General of France.

4 November 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian Elections**

Participant(s): Princeton University: Herman Quarles Van Ufford; Harry Putter.

4 November 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian-Israeli Conflict**
Participant(s): Harry Putker, First Secretary, Representative Office of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the PA; Herman Quarles van Ufford, Deputy Director, Head of the Middle East Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands.

11 November 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Abu Mazen's Resignation**
Participant(s): France 24 TV: Annette Young, Jerusalem Correspondent; Marc De Chalvron, Jerusalem Correspondent.

11 November 2009, Indian Representative Office in Ramallah

Topic: **Political Briefing on the Current Palestinian Situation** by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi

Participant(s): Delegates from the Representative Offices of: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Norway, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, Venezuela.

12 November 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Palestinian Impasse**
Participant(s): Sung-Hong Yang, First Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Korea.

14 November 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: What Lies Ahead?**

Participant(s): Members of Congress: Senator Ted Kauffman (D-DE), Member, Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Representative Nita Lowey (D-28th-CA), Chairwoman,

House Appropriations Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations; Representative Susan Davis (D-53rd-CA), Member, House Armed Services Committee. Staff: Halie Soifer, Foreign Policy Advisor, Senator Kaufman. Accompanying Persons: Stephen Davis (Spouse of Representative Susan Davis); Kyler Kronmiller (Political Officer, US Consulate General, Jerusalem).

17 November 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian Independence and the Peace Process**

Participant(s): Dr. Thomas Neu, Head of the Carter Center.

17 November 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Two People - One Land**

Participant(s): Swedish Journalists, Birgitta Jacobsson; Elin Fjellman Jaderup; Magnus Wennerholm; Agneta Liljeqvist; Maria Ridderstedt; Anneli Evers; Pernilla Ohlin; Stina Blomgren; Peter Lofgren; Nidal Raza; Ulf Johansson, Editor.

18 November 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestine after 42 Years of Israeli Occupation**

Participant(s): Prof. Dr. Zakhari Zakhariyev, President, The Foundation Laviani; Dr. Raina Terzieva, Secretary Coordination, The Foundation Laviani, Bulgarian Cultural Delegation to Palestine.

18 November 2009, PASSIA, Ramallah Office

Topic: **Venezuelan-Palestinian Relations**

Participant(s): Luis Daniel Hernandez Lugo, Head of the Venezuela Representative Office in Ramallah.

18 November 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Impressions of and Insights Into the Obama Administration's Policy Toward the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict**

Participant(s): Dr. Robert Malley, Director, Middle East and North Africa Program, International Crises Group; Hani Al-Masri, Director, Badael Center, Ramallah.

19 November 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Palestinian Impasse**

Participant(s): Victoria Sjolander, Political Adviser, EU Police Coordinating Office for Palestinian Police Support (EUPOL COPPS).

7 December 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Palestinian Impasse**

Participant(s): Jack R. Twiss Quarles van Ufford, Head of Mission, Representative Office of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the PA.

7 December 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Palestinian Impasse**

Participant(s): Mehmet F. Sekerci, Deputy Chief, Turkish Consulate, Jerusalem.

8 December 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Democracy & Governance**

Participant(s): USAID delegation: Maryanne Yerkes, Democracy Officer; Maher Frijat, Public Sector Development Advisor, Democracy and Governance Office.

17 December 2009, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: **The US and the Peace Process**

Participant(s): Matthew J. Jemmott, Major, US Army, Legislative Liaison; Paul C. Hutton, Professional Staff Member on the Minority staff of the United States Senate Committee on Armed Services (SASC); Michael Kuiken, Professional Staff Member, SASC AirLand Subcommittee, United States Senate; Michael V. Kostiw, Republican Staff Director, Senate Committee on Armed Services, US.

22 Dec 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The PLO & PA Politics**

Participant(s): Sung-Hong Yang, First Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Korea.

22 Dec 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The EU's Role in the Middle East Conflict**

Participant(s): Delegation of French National School of Administration, Paris: Gabriel Normand; Alexis Mnavier; Schwan Badinou; Walid Benaafon.

25 December 2009, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Turkish-Palestinian Relations since 1989**

Participant(s): Erkan Ertosun, PhD Candidate, Turkey; Savas Celik, Attorney, Law & Trade Marks, Ankara, Turkey.

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31 January 2008, Grand Park Hotel, Ramallah

Topic: Gaza – What Lies Ahead?

Speaker: Omar Sha'ban, Chairman, Pal-Thinking for Strategic Studies, Gaza

Participant(s): Mazen Sinokrot, CEO Sinokrot Group; Sabri Saidam, Birzeit University; Jamil Hammami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Muwafaq Abu Ayyash, Architect; Bushra Mukbil, Consultant; Mohammad Alnator, Film Maker; Jasmine Higazi, Development Worker; Andrea Semadeni, Head, Representative Office of Switzerland; Shireen Khalaf, Representative Office of Switzerland; Terry Boullata, National Program Officer, Swiss Development Cooperation; Tim O. Petschulat, FES; Philippe Potjes, Deputy, Belgian Consulate; Fadia Daibes, Dan Church Aid Representative; Lily Habash, Executive Director, Muntada Falastine; Said Murad; Huwaida Arraf, Legal Activist Supervisor; Said Abdul Hadi, Al-Nasher Advertising Company.

16 November 2008, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: The Nakba and Palestinian Identity

Speaker: Dr. Rashid Khalidi, Edward Said Professor of Arab Studies at Columbia University.

Organizers: PASSIA, Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center.

Participant(s): An audience of over 200 locals and foreigners.

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26 February 2009, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: Analysis of the Israeli Elections and the Future of Palestine

Speakers: Dr. Ahmed Tibi, MK (Ra'am- Ta'al); Mohammad Said Naffa, MK (National Democratic Assembly).

Participant(s): Eman Al-Kassem, Journalist; Mazen Nusseibeh; Darwish Hijazi, Engineer; Dr. Nafez Nazzal; Laila Nazzal; Shihab Amjad, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Terry Bullata, National Program Officer, Swiss Development Cooperation; Azzam Abu-Saud, Director, Jerusalem Arab Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Khaled Abu-Arafeh; Sami Sockol, Journalist; Lehlohonolo Shadrack Ted Pekane, South African Ambassador; Ishaq Budeiri, Arab Studies Society; Khalil Assali, Al-Quds TV Director; Wafaa Hasan, PhD Candidate, McMaster University; Fajr Harb, Program Coordinator, The Carter Center; Timothy Rothermel, Director, The Carter Center; Dr. Mustafa Abu-Sway, Lecturer, Al Quds University; Jamal Al-Aref, Deputy Middle East Representative, ANERA; Dr. Ercan Ozer, Turkish Consul; Jean-Paul Ghoneim, Cultural Counselor, French Consulate; Helena Cobban, Writer; Adnan Husseini, Governor, Jerusalem Governorate; Nisreen Al-Aref, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); Tim Petschulat, FES; James J. Carroll,

Representative of Ireland; Pia Rantala-Engberg, Representative of Finland; Claudia De Martino, PhD Student; Jamil Hammami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Yusef Azazmeh; Omar Dessouki, Physician.

30 March 2009, Best Eastern Hotel, Ramallah

Topic: Palestinian National Dialogue in Cairo, March 2009

Speakers: Munib Al-Masri; Hani Al-Masri; Ghassan Khatib; Mahdi Abdul Hadi.

Participant(s): Bishwadip Dey, Head, Indian Representative ; Dr. Ercan Ozer, Turkish Consul; Sam Bahour; Abdullah Abdullah; Hassan Abu Libdeh; Pia Rantala-Engberg, Finnish Representative; Dr. Subhi Al-Aref, Physician; Royce Kuzwayo, South Africa Deputy Representative; Nasser Al Qudwa; Dr. Sabri Saidam ; Dr. Mamdouh Al-Iker; Victoria Sjolander, Political Advisor, EUPOL COPPS; Mounir Qleibo, ILO Representative; Abdel Majed Sweilem, Ministry of Labor; Lehlohonolo Shadrack Ted Pekane, South African Ambassador; Rolf Holmboe, Danish Representative; Dr. T. Jayasinghe, Sri Lankan Representative; Mahmoud Kittana, YPIA; Rosimar Suzano, Brazilian Deputy Representative; Maher Al-Masri, Chairman of the Board, Palestinian Capital Market Authority; Penguilly Francois, Deputy Consul, French Consulate; Mohammed Nusseibeh; Jamal Al-Aref, Deputy Middle East Representative, ANERA; Khaled Naseef; Saleh Hakawati; Wafa' Abdel Rahman; Piotr Puchta, Polish Representative; Roland Friedrich, DCAF; Nicolas Masson, DCAF; Ana Coelho, Portuguese Deputy Representative.