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THE YEAR THAT WAS

2019 was marked by continued support from the majority of the international community, combined with the US administration condoning and aiding continued Israeli aggression. Within Palestine, the Palestinian Authority would express frustration against Israeli violations of past accords, as well as continuing preparations for long awaited Palestinian elections.

On the international stage, calls for support for Palestine from Arab states continued. Similarly, European states stressed the need for a negotiated peace process between Israel and the Palestinians resulting in a two-state solution along 1967 borders, as well as the desire that unilateral action would be avoided. Lastly, international organizations passed resolutions expressing support for the rights of Palestinians.

The resignation of Prime Minister of the PA, Rami Hamdallah, in January led to the formation of a new government, headed by Mohammed Shtayyeh. Following continued Israeli aggression and flouting of past agreements, the PA repeatedly warned throughout the year that it would announce the classification of land under the Oslo Accords null and void.

In Israel, 2019 was the year of elections, with two governments being failed to be formed and a third election expected in March 2020. Israel continued its policy of illegal appropriation of occupied land and destruction of Palestinian property, and politicians would promise the annexation of Palestinian land during their electoral campaigns.

In the United States, the Trump administration carried on with its pro-Israel policy, recognizing the Golan Heights as Israeli territory, contrary to international law, as well as legitimizing Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories.

In Palestine, continued Israeli violations against the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound caused unrest; negotiations amongst political factions resulted in an agreement over Palestinian elections; and Gaza's 'March of Return' protests, ongoing since March 2018, were scaled back pending Hamas-Israel negotiations.

International Community

On **January 15th**, President Mahmoud Abbas took over the presidency of The Group of 77 and China (G77) during a ceremony at the UN General Assembly in New York City, making him the head of the largest group representing developing countries at the UN. Two weeks later, the Arab



League called on European countries to recognize the State of Palestine within the pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital, at the Arab-European ministerial meeting in Brussels on **February 4th**. While this was not achieved, the Netherlands recognized Gaza and the West Bank as official birthplaces for Palestinians born after 1948 on the same day.

On **9th April**, Palestine was granted full membership in the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

At a press conference held on **August 29th** with visiting President Mahmoud Abbas in Berlin, German Chancellor Angela Merkel insisted on a two-state solution to even if this goal is "increasingly difficult to achieve." Similarly, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the UK issued a joint statement on **September 12th** condemning Prime Minister Netanyahu's pledge to extend Israeli sovereignty to the Jordan Valley, saying it would be "a serious breach of international law."

In the Arab world, on **September 11th**, Qatari Foreign Minister Mohammed Ath-Thani called the Palestinian cause "the mother and foundation of all Arab issues" and said that without a just solution there would not be peace in the region. A similar message was conveyed by the Saudi Foreign Minister Ibrahim bin Abdulaziz Al-Assaf at an OIC meeting two days later, (**September 13th**) saying that the Palestinian cause was, and still is, the core issue of the Islamic world.

The year would end with major international organizations criticizing past Israeli policy and legislation and promoting aid for the Palestinian people. On **October 18th**, in its concluding observations on the fourth periodic report on Israel, the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights called on Israel to amend or cancel its Jewish Nation-State Law due to its discrimination of Israel's non-Jewish population, and in order to comply with an international



human rights convention that it ratified in 1991. On **November 12th**, the European Court of Justice ruled that EU states must identify products from Israeli settlements with special labels. **November 19th** brought a UN General Assembly resolution, passed 165:5 with nine abstentions, in favor of a resolution in support of the Palestinian people's right of self-determination. On **13th December** the UN General Assembly voted to extend UNRWA's mandate until 2023, voting 169:2 in favor. Only Israel and the US oppose it. Finally, the year ended on a positive note, with the ICC announcing that it would probe alleged war crimes in the Palestinian territories on the **20th December**.

Palestinian Authority

A press report revealed on **January 22nd** that PA Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah had, at the request of President Abbas, delivered a letter to the US administration informing them that the PA would stop accepting any form of government aid from the US. This was due to the passing of the Anti-Terrorism Clarification Act (ACTA), which could make the PA subject to lawsuits should they continue to receive aid. However, despite claims to the contrary, security aid has continued. The month ended with the government of Prime Minister Hamdallah submitting its resignation to President Abbas on **January 29th**.

March started with PA President Abbas assigning Fatah Central Committee member Mohammed Shtayyeh as new Prime Minister on **March 10th**, asking him to form a new Palestinian government. This government would be sworn in on **April 13th** and headed by Mohammad Shtayyeh. Hamas calls the appointment of the new cabinet a blow to unity efforts.



As a reaction to the destruction in Wadi Al-Hummus (see below), President Abbas stated on **July 25th** that the Palestinian leadership would suspend compliance with agreements signed with Israel and start putting in place mechanisms to implement this decision. The following week (**July 31st**), Prime Minister Shtayyeh announced that the Oslo Accords' classification of land into Areas A, B and C was no longer valid due to Israel's violations of the Accords. This threat would continue for the following months, and on **August 31st** the PA announced that it would cease to recognize the area division of the West and that it would lay claim to the entire territory as if they are all part of Area A. This decision was affirmed by the PLO Executive Committee on **September 16th**. On the third day of the United Nations General Assembly (**September 26th**), President Abbas completely rejected Prime Minister Netanyahu's statement to annex the Jordan Valley in his address and warned that the PA would cancel all commitments to previous agreements, if the Israeli government went through with it. Abbas also announced to hold long-overdue Palestinian elections.



Israeli actions

Israel would start the year with a brace of retreats from the international community. At the stroke of midnight on **January 1st**, both the US and Israel officially left UNESCO, amid claims that the organization fosters an anti-Israel bias. The withdrawal came on **January 28th**, when Israeli

PM Netanyahu said he would not renew the mandate of the Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH), accusing it of bias, saying "We will not allow the continuation of an international force that acts against us."

The Israeli defense cabinet decided on **February 17th** to put into effect a law passed in July 2018, calling to freeze funds transferred to the PA and to deduct NIS 500 million from the total sum that is due to be delivered because it was transferred to Palestinian prisoners and their families.



The upcoming Israeli election led to promises from incumbent Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to annex Israeli settlements in the West Bank. A *Haaretz* poll published on **March 25th** showed that 42% of Israelis back West Bank Annexation, including two-state supporters and 34% support a two-state solution, in the lead up to Israeli elections in April.

However, this would not be enough for Netanyahu to secure reelection, and the inconclusive **April 9th** Israeli elections would lead to the failure to fail a parliament and the need for future elections.

The day after the elections, Israeli authorities confiscated 51,000 dunums of land on **April 10th**, isolating 5 villages and seizing control over water springs, agricultural machinery and solar cells in



the Jordan Valley area near Tubas. In the same vein, on **May 13th** Israel approved the paving of two roads in the West Bank, involving the confiscation of large tracts of Palestinian land for the benefit of two relatively isolated Israeli settlements: Yitzhar, south of Nablus, and smaller settlements north of the Tapuach Junction.

With no retraction of Israel's settlement ambition in sight, Prime Minister Netanyahu declares on **June 16th** the establishment of the new "Ramat Trump" (Trump Heights) settlement named after US President Donald Trump in the occupied Golan Heights, although it's official establishment will need to wait until the next government takes office.





On **June 18th** the Israeli High Court of Justice gave the green light to demolish thirteen large buildings with a total of 100 apartments, of which 80 are still under construction, in the Wadi Hummus neighborhood of Sur Baher. The buildings are located on the PA-controlled Area A of the West Bank, but were claimed to be too near to the separation barrier. Palestinians say the ruling sets a precedent that will enable the demolition of thousands of buildings in the West Bank. Following this ruling, on **July 22nd** Israeli forces began demolishing buildings.

Israeli PM Netanyahu opened the second election month of the year with a speech given on **September 1st** at the Elkana settlement, reiterating an election promise made five months ago of intending to annex Israeli settlements in the West Bank. With this seeming not be enough and election day coming closer, Netanyahu told the press on **September 10th** that, if elected, he would also annex the Jordan Valley and the northern Dead Sea. Not intimidated by international pressure, Netanyahu promised on **September 16th** that, if he was re-elected, he would annex Kiryat Arba and the Jewish areas of Hebron. However, this did not pay off, and on the **September 17th** election day he would win six seats less than in the April elections, making him fall behind Benny Gantz's Blue and Whites by one seat.

On **September 24th** electricity is cut off in large areas of the West Bank, after the Israeli electricity company began to ration the supply to the Palestinians due to an alleged \$500 million unpaid debt. This would continue into **October**, when power supply to Palestinian households served by JEDCO (in Jerusalem, Ramallah, Bethlehem and Jericho) was cut for two hours every two or three weeks.



October started with the inauguration of Israel's 22nd Knesset on **October 3rd** without the formation of a new government. A week later, on **October 10th**, the Civil Administration's Higher Planning Council approved plans for 2,342 new settlement housing units, 59% of them in rather remote settlements.

After previous attempts by Netanyahu, Blue and White leader Benny Gantz announced on **November 20th** that he had failed to form a government, making it likely that Israel is heading for a third election in March 2020.

Likud MK Nir Barkat proposed new legislation on **November 28th** to outlaw UNRWA, saying it was destroying chances for peace in the region. The law would terminate all UNRWA activities in

areas under Israeli control by 1 January 2020, including the agency's offices in East Jerusalem. Similarly, angry against international organizations, and in response to the ICC decision to investigate war crimes in the Palestinian territories, an Israeli minister called for the dismantling of the PA on the **22nd December**.

On the **1st December**, it was announced that Israel plans to build new settlements in Hebron.

United States Actions

The Golan Heights would make the news on **March 26th**, when US President Trump signed a presidential proclamation officially recognizing the Golan Heights as Israeli territory, after meeting Israeli PM Netanyahu.



On **May 3rd**, US Congresswoman Betty McCollum reintroduced a historic bill - the Promoting Human Rights for Palestinian Children Living Under Israeli Military Occupation Act, also known as H.R. 2407 – in order to promote the human rights of Palestinian children, who face detention, interrogation, abuse, and violence by Israel through its military court system in the occupied West Bank.



The economic portion of US President Trump's long-awaited and proudly announced "Deal of the Century" was presented on **June 25th-26th** in Manama, Bahrain. The "Peace to Prosperity" plan encourages capital investment upwards of \$50 billion in the Palestinian territories and neighbouring Arab states over the course of 10 years, the creation of more than 1 million Palestinian jobs, and reducing the unemployment rates in the OPT. Palestinians boycotted the workshop due to its attempt to decouple economics from politics.

On **August 25th** PA Presidential spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh slammed the US for deleting the PA from the US State Department website's list of countries and areas. The US State Department also ordered the removal of any reference that included the word 'occupied territories' in reference to Palestine. On the same day, the PA Ministry of Local Government issued a directive instructing all local authorities to expand their master plans on the natural basins (i.e. across the A/B/C divide) in the light of earlier developments of turning away from Oslo's land classification scheme. What was hoped to be a wake-up call came on **August 27th**, when a letter

signed by 25 former Israeli senior security and defense officials thanked the US Congress for passing legislation that endorses a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and warns against Israel unilaterally annexing all or part of the West Bank.

The **24th September** saw the start of the UN General Assembly in New York City, where US President Trump urged Middle Eastern nations to fully normalize diplomatic relations with Israel.



The upholding of international law had to endure a turn for the worse as US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced on **November 18th** that the US does not consider Israeli settlements in the West Bank a violation of international law, reversing four decades of US policy. Israel welcomed the move, which is internationally criticized.

In response to increasingly extreme campaign rhetoric, as Israeli politicians learnt of the possibility of a third election, on the **6th December** the US House warned against Israeli annexation of West Bank settlements.

Palestine

On **February 14th** the Islamic Waqf in Jerusalem announced the appointment of a new, enlarged council. For the first time, this council represents the Palestinian religious, political, Waqf, professional and scholarly leadership. The inaugural ceremony was concluded by a collective noon prayer (*zuhr*) at the Bab Ar-Rahmeh building the same day. The closure of the building by Israeli forces two days later concluded the start of a weeks-long stand-off with Israeli authorities concerning the legal status quo of the site. Clashes between Muslim worshipers and



Israeli police over the Al-Aqsa Mosque continued, and on **August 11th** they erupted again over the entry to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound of numerous Jews during the first day of the Islamic holiday of Eid Al-Adha, which this year coincides with the Jewish fast day of Tisha B'Av (mourning the destruction of the two Jewish temples). At least 60 Palestinian were wounded.

A PCBS press release on the occasion of International Population Day (**July 11th**) states that there are now an estimated 4,9 million Palestinians living in the West Bank (2,99 million) and Gaza (1,99 million).

27th August saw three Hamas policemen being killed and several people injured in two explosions on police checkpoints in Gaza which turned out to be suicide attacks by a Salafi group linked to

Islamic State. Further internal issues continued in the West Bank, when on **September 2nd** hundreds of Palestinian women demonstrated in the West Bank to demand an investigation into the death of a 21-year-old Israa Ghrayeb from a village near Bethlehem who died on 22 August after being hospitalized with severe injuries in what many suspect was a so-called “honor” killing.



On **13th September**, a new UNCTAD report warned that the Palestinian economy is on the verge of collapse, citing *inter alia* Israeli restrictions, mass unemployment and environmental degradation as the cause of this.

On the anniversary of the 1917 Balfour Declaration (**November 2nd**), the PLO unsuccessfully called on the UK to apologize for the document, which stated Britain’s support for a ‘national home for the Jewish people’ in Palestine and laid the foundation for Israel’s creation.

The Palestinian Central Election Committee concluded its consultations with all political factions and received the written agreement of Hamas to participate in the next general elections on **November 27th**. It states its technical readiness for holding general elections, which could take place once President Abbas issues a presidential decree initiating them. In order to uphold ‘understandings’ between Hamas and Israel, on **26th December** organizers of the Gaza ‘March of Return’ said that protests would be scaled down from March 2020.



RESEARCH STUDIES PROGRAM

PASSIA has undertaken its Research Studies Program ever since its foundation in 1987. To date, over 200 publications have been published under the auspices of this program, researched and written by PASSIA team members or by specifically contracted researchers, who, over the years, have been as diverse as the subjects covered. Authors of PASSIA publications have included Palestinian, Arab, Israeli and international academics, scholars and experts.

In its efforts to provide background information, in-depth studies, and documentation on issues of concern as well as to promote a better understanding of the Palestinian cause, PASSIA maintains that all research and publishing are done within the context of academic freedom. PASSIA publications aim to be specialized, scientific and objective, yet they often address controversial or neglected issues and allow the expression of a wide range of perspectives.

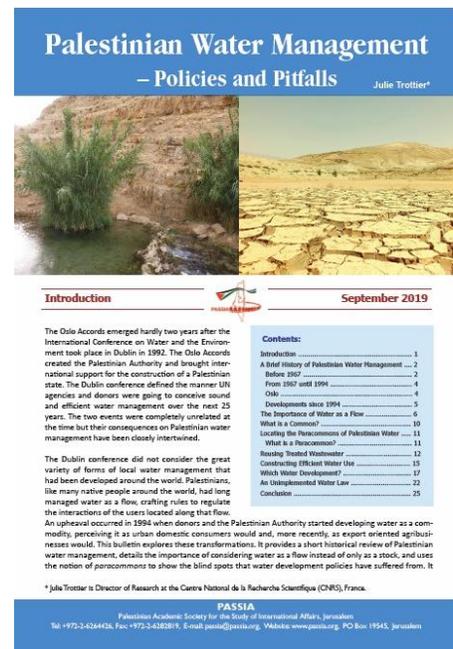
PASSIA is proud that its publications have become a valuable reference source for academics, diplomats, professionals, libraries and anyone with an interest in Palestinian issues and their relations to regional and international affairs.

As part of the 2019 Research Program, PASSIA published a bulletin on Palestinian Water Management, and a revised and updated edition of its *Dictionary of Palestinian Political Terms*. (For additional publications see chapters on Jerusalem and the Religious Studies Unit).

Palestinian Water Management-Policies and Pitfalls

Julie Trottier, English, 20 pages, October 2019

The Oslo Accords emerged hardly two years after the International Conference on Water and the Environment took place in Dublin in 1992. The Oslo Accords created the Palestinian Authority and brought international support for the construction of a Palestinian state. The Dublin conference defined the manner UN agencies and donors were going to conceive sound and efficient water management over the next 25 years. The two events were completely unrelated at the time but their consequences on Palestinian water management have been closely intertwined. The Dublin conference did not consider the great variety of forms of local water management that had been developed around the world. Palestinians, like many naive people

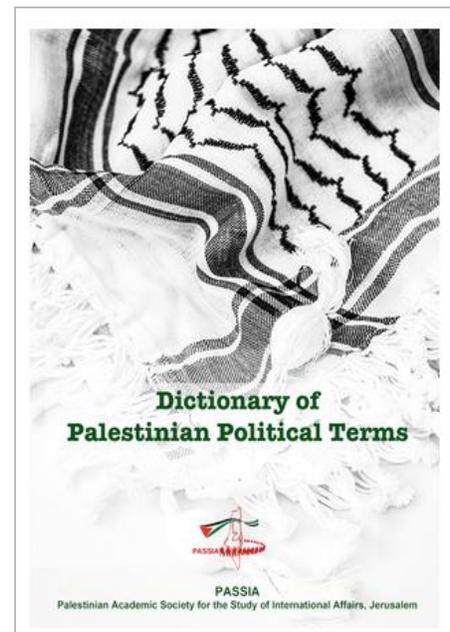


around the world, had long managed water as a flow, creating rules to regulate the interactions of the users located along that flow. An upheaval occurred in 1994 when donors and the Palestinian Authority started developing water as a commodity, perceiving it as urban domestic consumers would and, more recently, as export oriented agribusinesses would. This bulletin explores these transformations. It provides a short historical review of Palestinian water management, details the importance of considering water as a flow instead of only as a stock, and uses the notion of paracommons to show the blind spots that water development policies have suffered from. It interrogates the notion of “efficient water use” in terms of environmental justice and shows the unintended consequences of the water development efforts over the past 25 years: Policies based on the notion of virtual water are not decreasing the consumption of water in agriculture. Present projects of wastewater reuse in irrigation are not decreasing the pressure on the aquifers. More crucially, the present water driven Palestinian agricultural frontiers are deeply transforming Palestinian society. This bulletin ends by considering possible ways forward to improve the Palestinian water situation.

Dictionary of Palestinian Political Terms

PASSIA Publications, English, p. 199, 3rd revised and updated edition, December 2019

The *Dictionary of Palestinian Political Terms* is intended to offer a guide to Palestinian politics and Palestinian political thought. It presents a collection of some of the most prominent movements, agreements, plans and ideologies as well as events that have shaped the history of Palestinian politics. It aims to encourage interested individuals, students and researchers to further investigate and develop a nuanced and critical understanding of competing narratives and a people’s desires to live secure, in dignity and in self-determination.



JERUSALEM

The Question of Jerusalem remained a focus of PASSIA's activities during 2019, including hosting meetings, conducting academic research, providing documentation, publication and cooperation with other institutions.

For events or meetings related to religious issues and Al-Aqsa Mosque please see the chapter on the Religious Studies Unit below.

MEETINGS

18 September 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Geography, Demography & Planning in Jerusalem

Participants: Fouad Hallak, Policy Advisor, PLO Negotiations Affairs Department, Ramallah, Delegation from the Comenius Leergangen Group.



18 September 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestinian Identity, Culture & Religion

Participants: Delegation from the Comenius Leergangen Group.

20 November 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Inter-Religious Dialogue in Jerusalem: Why? How? And Where to?

Participants: St. Anne's Church Delegation, Salesian Pontifical University, Faculty of Theology, Jerusalem Campus: Fr. Bill Russel, Priest; Fr. Gaetan Tiendrebeogo, Priest; Juliana Baldinger, Sister; Lulenga Tresor, Student; Jacques Florimond, Student; Edwar Gobran, Student; Ssemakula Henny, Student; Cornelius U-Sayee, Student; Craig Spence, Student; Niyibigira Audale, Student; Diego Borbolla, Student; Steve De Moir, Student; Narayut Charoenphoom, Student; Isaac Kinda, Student; Avesio Francesco, Student; Nelson Mwale, Student; Phillip Stener, Student; Bernard Kaiu, Student; Chima Agbo, Student; Matteo Vignola, Student; Calvin Akunga; Balma Parfait; John Langan, Deacon; Francis Mbin, Student; Mark Eshun, Student; Thierry Liyirwoth, Student; Joaquim Belito Jose, Student.

27 November 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Holy Places in Jerusalem and the Parties to the Political and Civil Equation

Participants: Dr. Munir Nuseibah, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, Director, Al-Quds Human Rights Clinic and Community Action Center, Al-Quds University, and MA Students from the Center for Jerusalem Studies, Al-Quds University: Joseph Hazboun; Ismail Sharawneh; Fida Yaghmour; Hadeel Hallak; Hilweh Abu Kaf; Salah Salman.

4 December 2019, The Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: Al-Aqsa Mosque

Speakers: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA, Jerusalem; Prof. Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Integral Chair for the Study of Imam Al-Ghazali's Work at the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque and Al-Quds University.

Participants: Sabeel Delegation of 80-100 leaders from over 17 countries who represent over 35 different Churches, Universities and International Organizations, including: Ana Gimeno; Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network Australia; Diana Toup; Gregory Jenks; Helena Dahlin; Helen Smith; Kenneth Kimming; Linda Scherzinger; Linda Kateeb; Maureen Jack; Melissa Derosia; Olivier Josselin; Pehr-Albin Eden; Sarah Ziethen; Stephen Sizer; Anne Fortin; Paul Parker; Siri Wahl-Olsen; Heike Breitenback;

George Bartlett; Sue Parfitt; Enid Gordon; Rochelle Watson; Gunilla Ikponmwosa; Allison Tanner; Peter Gordon; John McCulloch; Brian Grieves; Peter Watson; Gordon Timbers; Graham Hawley; Donald Wagner; Dorcus Gordon; Kari Lorentzen; Bea Foster; Ineke Medcalf; MCC Jerusalem Representatives; Laurence Gangloff; Martin Wikerstal; Joseph Roos; Christine Sollis; Angleena Keizer; Marietta Macy.



12 December 2019, The Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: Women in the Qur'an and the Sunna

Speakers: Prof. Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Integral Chair for the Study of Imam Al-Ghazali's Work at the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque and Al-Quds University; Dr. Hannelies Koloska, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities; Riyadh Abd Al-Nabi, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, Jerusalem.

Participants: Artūras Gailiūnas, Head, Representative Office of Lithuania; Niko Fritscher, Head of Cultural Section, German Representative Office, Ramallah; Eveline Muhareb, Project Coordinator, DAAD; Monika Gaileuniene, JEN; Deloveluje, Writer; Jumana Jaouni, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC); Lejla Zvizdic, Project Manager, Swiss Caritas; Ibrahim Abu Dalo, Lawyer, Jerusalem; Dr. Hani Abdeen, Member, Awqaf Council, Dean of Medical School, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem; Aladdin Salhab, Engineer & Businessman, Member, Awqaf Council; Dr. Nafez Nubani, Medical Doctor, Jerusalem; Amal Nashashibi, Director, Al-Mirsat, Jerusalem; Abeer Zayyad, Director, Abu Tur Women Center; Majdoleen Jibril, Social Media, PCBS; Dr. Suleiman Ghosheh, Medical Doctor, Jerusalem; Khalil Assali, Journalist, Akhbar Al-Balad; Salma Hussein, Jerusalem; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA; Hind Hussein, PASSIA; Michael Koch, Intern, PASSIA; Claudio Salmeri, Intern, PASSIA; Areej Deibes, Translator.



BRIEFINGS

16 January 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Religion & Jerusalem

Participants: Ofer Zalberg, Senior Analyst, Middle East and North Africa Program, International Crisis Group; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA; Benjamin Ashraf, Intern, PASSIA.



21 January 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Upcoming Book on Jerusalem from 1949-1967

Participants: Professor Menachem Klein, Bar Ilan University, Writer; Benjamin Ashraf, Intern, PASSIA; Joshua House, Volunteer, PASSIA.



20 March 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Culture and Education in Jerusalem

Participants: Jordan Morgan, Research and Development Officer, Forward Thinking, UK; Edward Channer, Projects Officer, Forward Thinking, UK; Benjamin Ashraf, Intern, PASSIA.



21 March 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem

Participants: Oliver McTernan, Director, Forward Thinking, UK; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



23 April 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Arab Agenda on Jerusalem

Participants: Dr. Neil Partrick, Freelance Consultant, Gulf & Wider Middle East Affairs, UK.



9 May 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Growth and Opportunities in the Old City of Jerusalem

Participants: Mohenad Itayim, Oculus Ventures, USA; George Khadr, Oculus Ventures; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



21 May 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem History

Participants: Dr. Eva Schönemann, Head, Schmidt-Schule, Jerusalem; Claudia Busch, Head of Administration, Schmidt-Schule, Jerusalem, Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



12 June 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: PASSIA's Work and the Political Situation in Jerusalem

Participants: Frederik Eichmanns, Intern, FES, Tel Aviv; Clara Michel, Intern, FES, Tel Aviv; Meret Jacob-Lakrimdi, Intern, FES, Jerusalem; Fabio Kalla, Junior Guest Researcher, FES, Jerusalem; Nick Durham, Intern, PASSIA; Amran Abo Houf, Intern, PASSIA; Fouad Hallak, Policy Advisor, PLO Negotiations Affairs Department, Ramallah; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



17 June 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Advocacy for Marginalized Groups in Jerusalem

Participants: Minas Rajabi, Public Relations Officer, PalVision, Jerusalem; Susan Klinker, Development Advisor, Civil Society Programme, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



6 July 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Provision of Public Goods and Social Service Networks in East Jerusalem

Participants: Hannah Early Bagdanov, PhD Candidate, Comparative Politics, Doctoral Affiliate, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame USA; Meejeong Hong, Professor, Dankook University; Young-Chol Choe, PhD in Political Science, Visiting Professor, Sungkyunkwan University, Korea; Kang HyoIn, PhD Student, the Graduate School of Area Studies, Yonsei University, Korea; Haeses Kim, PhD Candidate, Yonsei University, Korea.



9 July 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Many Facets of the Jerusalem Question

Participants: Faizal Okhai, Managing Director, Gestetner, YPO member, Malawi; Shezad Okhai, Vice President, Head of M&A, Volaris Group, Canada; Meejeong Hong, Professor, Dankook University; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



16 July 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Christian Orphanage Established by the American Colony in Jerusalem (1918-1922)

Participants: Andi Arnovitz, Artist & Printmaker, Jerusalem; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



20 July 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Settler Colonialism and Neoliberalism in Jerusalem

Participant: Bruno Huberman, Visiting Research Student, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, UK, and PhD candidate in International Relations, San Tiago Dantas Program, São Paulo, Brazil.



5 August 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Moroccan Cultural Center in the Old City of Jerusalem

Participants: Dr. Mohammad Salem Echarkoui, Director in Charge of Current Affairs, Bayt Mal Al-Quds Asharif Agency, Al-Quds Committee, Rabat; Sheikh Abdel Azim Salhab, Head, High Council of Waqf, Jerusalem; Prof. Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Integral Chair for the Study of Imam Al-Ghazali's Work at the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque and Al-Quds University.



16 October 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: ACTED and the East Jerusalem Livelihood Assessment

Participants: Shatha Allan, AME Assistant, ACTED; Mohammad Husseini, Intern, PASSIA; Michael Koch, Intern, PASSIA; Claudio Salmeri, Intern, PASSIA.



6 November 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Education in Jerusalem

Participants: Dr. Ishaq Qutob, President, Arab Student Aid International; Mohammad Qutob, Doctor of Chemistry; Prof. Maher Natsheh, Acting President, Al-Najah University, Nablus; Lamis Alami, Former Minister of Education; Dr. Hisham Dajani, Head, Arab Orphan's Committee



13 November 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem

Participants: Paola Caridi, Journalist, Author; Claudio Salmeri, Intern, PASSIA; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



MEDIA

7 February 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Youth in Jerusalem

Participants: Rami Ayyub, Thomson Reuters Israel Ltd; Joshua House, Volunteer, PASSIA.



8 August 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem's Historical Basin

Participants: NBC News: Lawahez Jabari; Saphora Smith.



26 August 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Underground Jerusalem: Focusing on the Archaeology, Religion, and Politics of Excavations and Underground Spaces

Participants: Andrew Lawler, Freelance Writer, National Geographic, US.



RESEARCH & PUBLICATION

A History of Jerusalem

Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, English, 23 pages, January 2019

A History of Jerusalem¹

By Mahdi Abdul Hadi

Introduction

Jerusalem, al-Quds al-Sharif (The Noble Holy City), has a long and rich history, accentuated by its religious, symbolic and strategic significance. It stands as a witness to the life and cultures of the great number of peoples, who have lived, belong or ruled over it. The long history, central importance and spiritual imagery of the city have generated a vast literature of various narratives on the question of Jerusalem. And owing to the emotion the city arouses, few authors have been able to resist coloring their work with selective analysis aimed at showing which group of people has the most valid "claim" of ownership or belonging to the city. The result is that one can now find several sources to support some argument, and that there is little consensus about long periods of the city's history. Indeed, there are probably few subjects that have generated so much mutually contradictory research and analysis. Therefore, a broad review of Jerusalem's history should not focus on details but rather try to notice the general trends that combine to form the legacy of Jerusalem. The diversity and holiness of the city as well as its potential as a center for the meeting of diverse civilizations and intellectuals are the greatness of Jerusalem. It is this legacy that we who deal with Jerusalem in the present must strive to protect.

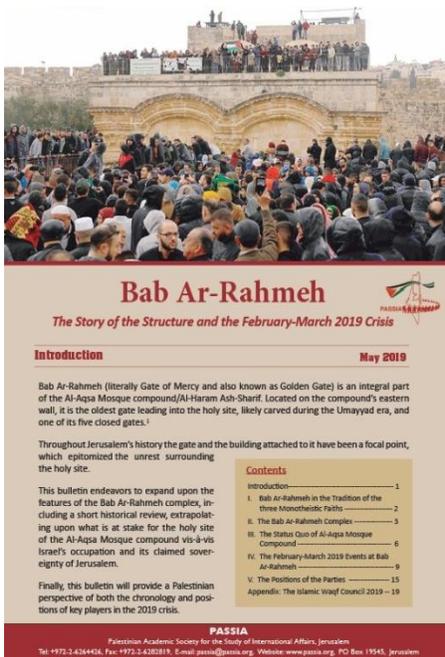
¹ This article was first published in *Jerusalem Reader: From occupation to city of peace*, edited by Ali Kazazi, Caserta: Palestine Publications, (1st edition 1997, 2nd edition 2003), 3rd edition, 2023, pp. 12-24.

Jerusalem, Al-Quds al-Sharif (The Noble Holy City), has a long and rich history, accentuated by its religious, symbolic and strategic significance. It stands as a witness to the life and cultures of the great number of peoples, who have lived, belong or ruled over it. The long history, central importance and spiritual imagery of the city have generated a vast literature of various narratives on the question of Jerusalem. And owing to the emotion the city arouses, few authors have been able to resist coloring their work with selective analysis aimed at showing which group of people has the most valid "claim" of ownership or belonging to the city. The result is that one can now find several sources to support some argument, and that

there is little consensus about long periods of the city's history. Indeed, there are probably few subjects that have generated so much mutually contradictory research and analysis. Therefore, a broad review of Jerusalem's history should not focus on details but rather try to notice the general trends that combine to form the legacy of Jerusalem. The diversity and holiness of the city as well as its potential as a center for the meeting of diverse civilizations and intellectuals are the greatness of Jerusalem. It is this legacy that we who deal with Jerusalem in the present must strive to protect.

Bab Ar-Rahmeh: The Story of the Structure and the February-March 2019 Crisis

PASSIA Publication, English (20 pages) and Arabic (24 pages), May 2019



Bab Ar-Rahmeh (literally Gate of Mercy and also known as Golden Gate) is an integral part of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound/Al-Haram Ash-Sharif. Located on the compound's eastern wall, it is the oldest gate leading into the holy site, likely carved during the Umayyad era, and one of its five closed gates. Throughout Jerusalem's history the gate and the building attached to it have been a focal point, which epitomized the unrest surrounding the holy site. This bulletin endeavors to expand upon the features of the Bab Ar-Rahmeh complex, including a short historical review, extrapolating upon what is at stake for the holy site of the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound vis-à-vis Israel's occupation and its claimed sovereignty of Jerusalem. Finally, this bulletin will provide a Palestinian perspective of both the chronology and positions of key players in the 2019 crisis.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES UNIT

MEETINGS

15 February 2019, Residence of the EU Representative, Jerusalem

Topic: Interfaith Dialogue

Participants(s): Ján Figel', Special Envoy for Promotion of Freedom of Religion outside the EU; Ralph Tarraf, European Union Representative, Jerusalem; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA; Prof. Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Integral Chair for the Study of Imam Al-Ghazali's Work at the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque and Al-Quds University; Dr. Bernard Sabella, Sociologist, Executive Director of Middle East Council of Churches/Department of Services to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR); Nora Carmi, Retired, Community Building.

27 March 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Interfaith Dialogue

Participants(s): Members of the Church of Scotland: Andrew Mellella, Minister; Maureen Jack, Convener, Middle East Committee; Sue Hamilton; Jimmy Hudson, Teacher; Michael Rowe; Pat Rowe; Calum Macsween, Retired Head Teacher; Allan MccAfferty, Minister; Linoa Simpson; Douglas Simpson; Senny Adams, Minister; Mandy Stirling, Doctor; Russell McLarty, Minister; Vahn Hodge, Retired; William Dargan, Retired; Margot Hudson, Retired; Mairi Perkins, Minister; Malcolm Hamilton, Retired; Cristale Hodge, Retired; Timothy Bell, Retired; Ian Stirling, Minister; Benjamin Ashraf, Intern.



29 June 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations: The Question of the Holy Places

Participant(s): Presbyterian Church, USA (PCUSA) Group: Douglas Dicks, Facilitator for Education for Justice and Peace; Philip Woods, Associate Director; Christian Iosso, Coordinator, Social Witness Policy; Rachael Eggebeen, Teacher; Robert Trawick, Social Witness Policy; Luciano Kovacs, Coordinator, Middle East & EUCOPS; Rev. Victor Makari, Presbyterian Church (USA) Partnership Liaison; Raafat Girgis, All People Ecumenical C.; Meejeong Hong, Professor, Dankook University.



18 September 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem and the Holy Places

Speaker(s): Prof. Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Integral Chair for the Study of Imam Al-Ghazali's Work at the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque and Al-Quds University.

Participant(s): Delegation from the Comenius Leergangen Group



20 November 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Inter-Religious Dialogue in Jerusalem: Why? How? And Where to?

Participant(s): St. Anne's Church Delegation, Salesian Pontifical University, Faculty of Theology, Jerusalem Campus: Fr. Bill Russel, Priest; Fr. Gaetan Tiendrebeogo, Priest; Juliana Baldinger, Sister; Lulenga Tresor, Student; Jacques Florimond, Student; Edwar Gobran, Student; Ssemakula Henny, Student; Cornelius U-Sayee, Student; Craig Spence, Student; Niyibigira Audale, Student; Diego Borbolla, Student; Steve De Moir, Student; Narayut Charoenphoom, Student; Isaac Kinda, Student; Avesio Francesco, Student; Nelson Mwale, Student; Phillip Stener, Student; Bernard Kaiiau, Student; Chima Agbo, Student; Matteo Vignola, Student; Calvin Akunga; Balma Parfait; John Langan, Deacon; Francis Mbin, Student; Mark Eshun, Student; Thierry Liyirwoth, Student; Joaquim Belito Jose, Student.



27 November 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Holy Places in Jerusalem and the Parties to the Political and Civil Equation

Participant(s): Dr. Munir Nuseibah, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, Director, Al-Quds Human Rights Clinic and Community Action Center, Al-Quds University, and MA Students from the Center for Jerusalem Studies, Al-Quds University: Joseph Hazboun; Ismail Sharawneh; Fida Yaghmour; Hadeel Hallak; Hilweh Abu Kaf; Salah Salman.



BRIEFINGS

12 January 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Issues on Al-Aqsa Mosque (Al-Haram Ash-Sharif)

Participants: Sheikh Azzam Al-Khatib, General Director of the Islamic Waqf, Jerusalem.

16 January 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Religion & Jerusalem

Participants: Ofer Zalberg, Senior Analyst, Middle East and North Africa Program, International Crisis Group; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA; Benjamin Ashraf, Intern, PASSIA.



22 January 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Islamic Issues

Participants: Kåre Husveg, Researcher on Islamic Issues; Benjamin Ashraf, Intern, PASSIA; Joshua House, Volunteer, PASSIA.



24 February 2019, Al-Aqsa Mosque, Jerusalem

Topic: The New Council for Awqaf, Religious Affairs and Islamic Holy Sites in Jerusalem

Participants: Waqf Council members



6 March 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Muslim-Christian Interfaith Dialogue

Participants: Archbishop Theodosios Atallah Hanna, Archbishop of Sevastia, Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem; Benjamin Ashraf, Intern, PASSIA.



7 March 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Bab Al-Rahma – Current Events

Participants: Jochen Stahnke, Correspondent, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung GmbH, Germany; Suheir Hashimeh, Journalist; Fouad Hallak, Policy Advisor, PLO Negotiations Affairs Department, Ramallah; Benjamin Ashraf, Intern, PASSIA.



13 March 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The New Council for Awqaf, Religious Affairs and Islamic Holy Sites in Jerusalem

Participants: Ofer Zalzburg, Senior Analyst, Middle East and North Africa Program, International Crisis Group; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA, Benjamin Ashraf, Intern.



25 March 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: PASSIA's Work | The Bab Ar-Rahmeh Crisis | Prospects for the Two-State Solution

Participants: Paula Köhler, Intern, FES, Tel Aviv; Rohat Akcakaya, Intern, FES, Tel Aviv; Leonie Trebeljahr, Junior Guest Researcher, FES, Jerusalem; Anna Berg, Intern, FES, Jerusalem; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA, Benjamin Ashraf, Intern.



26 March 2019, al-Muqataa, Ramallah

Topic: The New Council for Awqaf, Religious Affairs and Islamic Holy Sites in Jerusalem and Its Role in Protecting East Jerusalem and Preserving Palestinian Presence

Participants: EU Heads of Cooperation.



13 May 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Bab Al-Rahma Crisis

Participants: Oliver McTernan, Director, Forward Thinking, UK.



13 May 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Bab Al-Rahma Crisis

Participants: Dr. Carlo Aldrovandi, Assistant Professor in Religion, Conflict & Peace Studies, Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin, The University of Dublin, Ireland.

5 September 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Holy Places in Jerusalem

Participants: Dr. Marte Heian-Engdal, Senior Advisor, Norwegian Centre for Conflict Resolution (NOREF); Trond Bakkevig, Special Advisor, NOREF, Norway; Ofer Zalzburg, Senior Analyst, Middle East and North Africa Program, International Crisis Group.



24 September 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Islamic Waqf Issues in Jerusalem

Participants: Adv. Jamal Abu Toameh, Lawyer, Jerusalem.



30 October 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Interfaith Dialogue in Jerusalem

Participants: Fr. Bill Russell, .Salesian University at Ratisbonne, St. Anne's Church, Jerusalem; Fr. Gaetan Tiendrebeogo, Salesian University at Ratisbonne, St. Anne's Church; Michael Koch, Intern, PASSIA; Claudio Salmeri, Intern, PASSIA.



4 December 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Islamic Waqf Schools in Jerusalem

Participants: Sheikh Abdel Azim Salhab, Head, High Council of Waqf, Jerusalem.



5 December 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Attitudes of the Different Religious Zionist Groups on the Question of Holy Places

Participants: Ofer Zalzburg, Senior Analyst, Middle East and North Africa Program, International Crisis Group.



9 December 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Religious Studies Unit - Al-Quds Fund & Endowment

Participants: Al-Quds Fund & Endowment: Majdi Hussein, Projects Department; Ahmad Nubani, Financial Department.



9 December 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem and the Holy Places

Participants: Riccardo Filippo, Consul, Consulate General of Italy, Jerusalem; Michael Koch, Intern, PASSIA; Claudio Salmeri, Intern, PASSIA.



MEDIA

21 February 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Al Aqsa Intrusions - What is the End Game?

Participants: Al-Jazeera English

23 February 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Bab Al-Rahma

Participants: Al-Jazeera TV



25 February 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Bab Al-Rahma**

Participants: Ash-Shams Radio

4 March 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Bab Al-Rahma**

Participants: Ash-Shams Radio

6 March 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Bab Al-Rahma Crisis**

Participants: Nawal Assad, BBC.



19 March 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestine and Jordan Reject Israeli Decision to Close Down Part of Al-Aqsa Mosque**

Participants: Zeenat Hansrod, RFI.

27 March 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Council for Awqaf, Religious Affairs and Islamic Holy Sites in Jerusalem**

Participants: Ithar Abu Gharbieh, Al-Arabi TV, London; Ahmad Jaradat, Al-Araby TV.

21 August 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Challenges Facing the Historical Status Quo in the Holy Places**

Participants: Akram Ekermawi, Journalist, BBC.

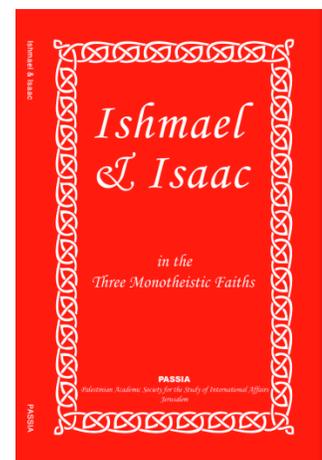


RESEARCH & PUBLICATION

Ishmael & Isaac in the Three Monotheistic Faiths

PASSIA Publication, English, 107 pages, May 2019

This publication is a compilation of three papers – one each by a Muslim, a Christian and a Jewish scholar - on Ishmael and Isaac, the sons of Abraham, the common patriarch of the three monotheistic religions. The papers were presented as part of the activities of PASSIA's Religious Studies Unit. Authors include Dr. Yehezkel Landau (Jewish perspective), Father Rafiq Khoury (Christian perspective), and Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway (Muslim perspective).



DIALOGUE PROGRAM

MEETINGS

12 February 2019, The Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: The Upcoming Israeli Elections- Change on the Horizon?

Speakers: Dr. As'ad Ghanem, Senior Lecturer at the School of Political Sciences, University of Haifa; Diana Buttu, Palestinian lawyer and analyst, former adviser to the PLO negotiating team.

Participants: Christian Clages, HoM, Representative Office of the Federal Republic of Germany; Mark Bailey, HoM, Representative Office of Australia; Pedro Blanco Pérez, HoM, Representative Office of Mexico; Artūras Gailiūnas, HoM, Representative Office of Lithuania; Amb. Ashraf Y. Suliman, HoM, Representative Office of South Africa; Georgi Milenov, HoM, Representative Office of Bulgaria; Dr. Andrea Nasi, HoM, Representative Office of Austria; Courtney Prettyman, Policy Officer, Representative Office of Australia; Jason Smith, Political Officer, United States Consulate; Patrick Jacobs, Counsellor



Political, Representative Office of South Africa; Simon Mmutle, First Secretary, Representative Office of South Africa; Justyna Pabian, Head of Political Section, Representative Office of the Republic of Poland; Nicholas Cooper, Political Officer, Representative Office of Australia; José Luis González, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Spain; Martin Kallin, Intern, Consulate General of Sweden; Ilaria Guidoni, Intern, Consulate General of Italy; Dominik Heinzer, Senior Program Officer, Office of the Special Representative of the Middle East, Representative Office of Switzerland; Maher Daoudi, Senior Programme Manager, Humanitarian Assistance, Consulate General of Sweden, Jerusalem; Manar Al-Sheikh, Political Officer, Representative of Egypt; Pierre Le Goff, Political Officer, European Union; Hannes Alpen, Director, FES; Christoph Klement, Project Manager, FES; Malak Issa, Team Assistant, FES; Rohat Akcakaya, Intern, FES; Paula Köhler, Intern, FES; Jamal Al-Aref, UNDP; Zahid Butt, Student; Eveline Muhareb, Project Coordinator, DAAD; Andraous Jahshan, Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center; Dr. Anja Zorob, Associate Professor, Birzeit University; Judith Höffkes, Project Manager, Willy Brandt Center Jerusalem; Petra Klose, Project Coordinator, Willy Brandt Center; Jana Fries, Project Manager, Forum Ziviler Friedensdienst (forumZFD); Hillel Schenker, Co-Editor, Palestine-Israel Journal; Charlotte Beck, Advisor, Local Governance Reform Programme (LGRP), GIZ; Thomas Dallal, Lawyer, Deputy Director, Diakonia; Dr. Helga Baumgarten, Professor, Birzeit University; Terry Bullata, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SCD); Saad Halawani, National Programme Manager, SCD; Hind Khoury, Secretary-General, Kairos Palestine; Dr. Wasfi Kailani, Royal Hashemite Court, Executive Director of the Hashemite Fund for the Restoration of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, Jordan; Abdallah Al-Abbadi, Secretary-General, Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Jordan; Khalil Assali, Journalist, Akhbar

Al-Balad; Ibrahim Abu Dalo, Lawyer; Nazeer Ansari, Retired, Indian Hospice; Sana' Hasna, Researcher, Jerusalem File, Palestinian Negotiation Support Project, Negotiations Affairs Department, Ramallah; Dr. Ola Awad, President, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS); Rajai Khatib, Reporter; Fadwa Al-Shaer, Head of Board, Jerusalem Center for Women; Aida Haddad, Retired Librarian; Nora Carmi, Retired, Community Building; Fouad Hallak, Policy Advisor, PLO Negotiations Affairs Department, Ramallah; Mohammad Jarallah, Businessman; Areej Deibes, Translator; Dr. Nafez Nubani, Medical Doctor; Samer Nusseibeh, CEO and Vice President, Mohammed Zaki Nuseibeh & Sons Group; Mohammad Abu Khdeir, Journalist, Al-Quds Newspaper; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA, Hind Hussein, PASSIA Team; Benjamin Ashraf, Intern, PASSIA.



4 March 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Evaluating the Success of the Oslo Accords

Participants: Delegation from the Verdens Gang (VG) Newspaper, Norway: Anders Giaever, Journalist; Hanne Skartveit, Editor; Yngve Kvistad, Journalist; Per Olav Odegard, Senior Correspondent; Roar Hagen, Journalist; Hans Suoli, Journalist; Astrid Meland, Journalist; Trine S. Hatlen, Journalist; Benjamin Ashraf, Intern, PASSIA.



11 March 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Annual Mission of the International Labor Organization's (ILO) Delegation to the OPT

Participants: Frank Hagemann, ILO Deputy Regional Director for the Arab States, Beirut; Steven Kapsos, Head, Data Production and Analysis Unit, Department of Statistics, ILO, Geneva; Katerine Landuyt, ILO, Geneva; Mounir Kleibo, Representative, ILO Jerusalem; Konstantinos Papadakis, Senior Dialogue and Governance Specialist, Governance and Tripartism Department, Geneva; Rasha El-Shurafa, Programme Officer, ILO Jerusalem.



18 April 2019, The Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: The Israeli Elections, Shrinking Civil Space and the Role of the International Community

Participants: Pedro Blanco Pérez, Head the Representative Office of Mexico; Lionel Mazas, Junior Diplomat, French Consulate, Jerusalem; Danielle Haven, Consul General of Belgium; Amb. Ashraf Y. Suliman, Head, Representative Office of South Africa; Hannes Alpen, Director, FES; Fabio Kalla, Intern, FES, Jerusalem; Lisa Gronemeier, Intern, FES, Jerusalem; Meret Jacob-Lakrimdi, Intern, FES, Jerusalem; Nisreen Al-Aref, Head of Administration and Finance, FES, Jerusalem; Jamal Al-Aref, UNDP; Terry Bullata, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SCD); Katja Hermann, Rosa-Luzemburg-Stiftung, Berlin; Eveline Muhareb, Project Coordinator, DAAD; Dr. Helga Baumgarten, Professor, Birzeit University; Mohammad Abu Khdeir, Journalist, Al-Quds Newspaper; Mustafa Al-Kurd, Musician; Khalil Assali, Journalist, Akhbar Al-Balad; Khaled Jamjoum, Engineer; Nabil Izhiman, Attorney at Law, Jerusalem; Usama Halabi, Lawyer, Jerusalem, Munir Nuseibah, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, Director, Al-Quds Human Rights Clinic and Community Action Center, Al-Quds University; Abdel Qader Al-Husseini, Head of the Board of Directors, Faisal-Husseini Foundation; Fadwa Hussein, Executive Director, Faisal Hussein Foundation; Riyadh Hussein; Fayzeh Zalatimo, Consultant, Red Crescent Society & Member of the Board of Trustees, Dar Al-Tifl Al-Arabi, Jerusalem; Dr. Hani Abdeen, Member, Awqaf Council, Dean of Medical School, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem; Mazen Sinokrot, Member, Awqaf Council, Chairman of AlQuds Holding, Jerusalem; Fouad Dakkak, Engineer, Jerusalem; Yasmin Asaad, Journalist, PalVision, Al-Ghad TV; Firas Hindawi, Cameraman, Al-Ghad TV; Rasem Obeidat, Journalist; Nadia Harhash; Raed Saadeh, Jerusalem Tourism Cluster, TAJ; Salah Zuheikah; Dr. Mahmoud Hawari, Director General of the Palestinian Museum, Birzeit; Fouad Abdeen, Union of the Charitable Societies; Dr. Nafez Nubani, Medical Doctor; Paul Tarcl, FES; Areej Deibes, Translator; Josh House, Volunteer, PASSIA; Nina Clark, Volunteer PASSIA; Hind Hussein, PASSIA Team; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



18 September 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestinian Identity, Culture & Religion

Participants: Delegation from the Comenius Leergangen Group.



5 November 2019, The Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: The Next Palestinian Elections – Challenges, Prospects, Perspectives

Participants: Pedro Blanco Pérez, Head, Representative Office of México; Amb. Masayuki Magoshi, Head, Representative Office of Japan; Artūras Gailiūnas, Head, Representative Office of Lithuania; Reuben Gauci, Head, Representative Office of Malta; Agnes Julin, Deputy Swedish Consul General; Jonathan Conlon, Head, Representative Office of Ireland; René Troccaz, Consul General, French Consulate; Sivine Jansen, Head of Political Affairs, Representative Office of the Federal Republic of Germany; Pierre Le Goff, Political Officer, European Union (EU); Erik Bjork, Political Officer, EU; Julika Peschau, responsible for Palestine in the German Foreign Ministry; Maurits Oskam, First Secretary Political Affairs & Human Rights, Representative Office of Netherlands; Fernando Naleer, First Secretary, Representative Office of Brazil; Jack Fitzgerald, Political Consul, British CG, Jerusalem; Andrea Niklaus, First Secretary, Political and Trade Affairs, Representative Office of Canada; Rodolfo Sahium, Counsellor, Representative Office of Brazil; Tommaso Ruggieri, Italian Consulate; Marie Cherchari, Head, Political Affairs, Belgian Consulate; Michael Burke, Electoral Affairs Officer, Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process (UNSCO); Sawsan Batato, Director of Programs, Diocese of Jerusalem; Gabi Batato, Consultant; Bernadette Loussi, Hanns-Seidel Stiftung; Nota Sarafoudi; Claire Bastier, Journalist, France; Hannes Alpen, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); Rasmus Brandt, Program Manager, FES; Hannah Sommer, Intern, FES; Joseph El-Boleissi, Intern, FES; Malak Issa, Media Coordinator, FES; Fr. Christian Eeckhout, OP, École Biblique et Archéologique; Jumana Jaouni, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC); Frank Foulon, Member, OESS LT; Jost Weisenfeld, Volunteer, Willy Brandt Center; Petra Klose, Manager, Willy Brandt Center; Tobias Pietsch, Willy Brandt Center; Andreas Jahshan, Sabeel; Bishop Dr. Munib A.Younan; Terry Bullata, Senior Program Manager, Swiss Development Cooperation; Hillel Schenker, Co-editor, Palestine-Israel Journal (PIJ); Ieva Gailiunaite, Intern, PIJ; Adnan Abdel Razeq, Member, Arab Studies Society; Zakiya Darwish; Dr. Sari Nusseibeh; Audoore K., Ordre Saint-Sépulcre; Azzam Dakkak, Gen. Man., Palestine Investment & Development Ltd.; Mazen Jabari, Director, Youth Development Department (YDD); Diana Safieh, Safieh Tours; Azzam Abu Saud; Adv. Nabil Izhiman, Lawyer; Amjad Shihab, PPG, Al-Maqdisi College; Enas Muthaffar; Mahmoud Khweis, CEO, Procure PS; Ziad Abu Zayyad, Palestine-Israel Journal (PIJ); Fouad Hallak, Policy Advisor, PLO Negotiations Affairs Department, Ramallah; Walid Salem, Director, CDCD; Oliver Fink, Researcher, University of Basel; Nidal Abu Diab, RAI Italian TV; Rajai



Khatib, Cameraman, RTL Germany TV; Samer Nusseibeh, Chamber of Commerce; Sani Meo, TWiP; Ahmad Rwaidy, OIC; Dr. Safa Nasser Eddin, Vice-President for Jerusalem Affairs, Al-Quds University; Prof. Khuloud Khayyat Dajani, Al-Quds University; Mohammad Abu Khdeir, Journalist, Al-Quds Newspaper; Areej Deibes, Translator; Zakariya Odeh, Executive Director, Civic Coalition; Adv. Jawad Boulus, Lawyer; Tony & Eileen Nesnas; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA; Hind Husseini, PASSIA; Michael Koch, Intern, PASSIA; Claudio Salmeri, Intern, PASSIA.

19 November 2019, The Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestinian Water Management - Policies and Pitfalls

Speakers: Julie Trottier, Director of Research at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Expert on Palestinian Water.

Discussants: Naser Qadous, Program Manager, Water Projects, ANERA; Mohammad Al-Hmadi, CEO, Palestinian Water Sector Regulatory Council.

Participants: Reuben Gauci, Head, Representative Office of Malta; Mark Bailey, Head, Representative Office of Australia, Ramallah; Rémy Bouallegue, Deputy Consul General, French Consulate, Jerusalem; Sivine Jansen, Head of Political Affairs, Representative Office of the Federal Republic of Germany; Bengt Johansson, Consul, Deputy Head of Development Cooperation, Private Sector, Embassy of Sweden; Andrea De Domenico, Deputy Head, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA); Michael Sansour, Private Sector Adviser, Water Lead, British Consulate General, Jerusalem; Maher Daoudi, Senior Programme Manager, Humanitarian Assistance, Consulate General of Sweden, Jerusalem; Ureib Amad, PO, Finnish Representative Office, Ramallah; Tommaso Ruggieri, Intern, Italian Consulate General, Jerusalem; Dr. Max Teuber, Country Director, GIZ ; Martina Enzmann, GIZ; Jonas Blume, Director, Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW), Ramallah; Rolf Luyendijk, Consultant, Water; Jamal Al-Aref, Consultant, UNDP; Mariko Hattori, Water Sector, JICA Palestine Office; Gemma Querol Prades, Chief of WASH, UNICEF; Pamela Minnigh, WASH Specialist, UNICEF; Bernadette Loussi, Project Coordinator, Hanns-Seidel Stiftung; Sufian Mushasha, ASR, UNDP; Mohammad Abu Diab, General Manager, Civic Forum Institute (CFI); Jamal Al-Natsheh, Coordinator, CFI; Bishop Dr. Munib A.Younan; Zakaria Odeh, Executive Director, Civic Coalition for Jerusalem; Omar Alami, CEO, Rift Valley Co.; Walid Salem, Director, Center for Democracy and Community Development; Hanna Freij; Shorouq Morar, Dentist; Eng. Khaled Kaloti, Businessman, Jerusalem; Nasser Dkeidek, Medical Doctor, Jerusalem; Diala Dkeidek, Student, Birzeit University; Prof. Khuloud Khayyat Dajani, Al-Quds University; Mohammad Abu Khdeir, Journalist, Al-Quds Newspaper; Dr. Suleiman Ghosheh, Medical Doctor, Jerusalem; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA; Hind Husseini, PASSIA; Michael Koch, Intern, PASSIA; Claudio Salmeri, Intern, PASSIA; Areej Deibes, Translator.



26 November 2019, The Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: The Palestinian Situation: Between Pessimism of the Intellect & Optimism of the Will (A. Gramsci)

Speakers: Nasser Qudwa, Chairman, Board of Directors, Yasser Arafat Foundation; Mohammad Barakeh, Chairman, Arab Higher Committee; Munib Masri, Chairman, AlQuds Fund & Endowment.

Participants: Reuben Gauci, Head, Representative Office of Malta; Danielle Haven, Consul General, Consulate General of Belgium, Jerusalem; Robin Wettlaufer, Head, Representative Office of Canada, Ramallah; Pierre Le Goff, Political Officer, European Union (EU); Erik Bjork, Political Officer, EU; Tommaso Ruggieri, Italian Consulate; José Luis González, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Spain; André Cortez, Political Officer, Brazilian Representative Office; Eveline Muhareb, Project Coordinator, DAAD; Dr. Helga Baumgarten, Professor, Birzeit University; Terry Bullata, Senior Program Manager, Swiss Development Cooperation; Shifa Jayousi, Program Officer, UNSCO; Josef El Balaissi, Intern, FES; Diana Safieh, Safieh Tours; Dr. Hani Abdeen, Member, Awqaf Council, Dean of Medical School, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem; Mazen Sinokrot, Member, Awqaf Council, Chairman of AlQuds Holding, Jerusalem; Fouad Dakkak, Engineer, Jerusalem; Dr. Munir Nuseibah, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, Director, Al-Quds Human Rights Clinic and Community Action Center, Al-Quds University; Prof. Dr. Imad Khatib, Palestine Polytechnic University (PPU), Hebron; Eng. Samer Nusseibeh, Chamber of Commerce; Bashir Muhtaseb, Lawyer; Nabil Izhiman, Attorney at Law, Jerusalem; Salah Zuheikeh; Maha Samman, Professor, Al-Quds University; Abdullah Kisswani, Director, CDC; Hind Houry, Secretary-General, Kairos Palestine; Hatem Khweis, CEO, A.C. Consulting; Zakaria Odeh, Executive Director, Civic Coalition for Jerusalem; Prof. Khuloud Khayyat Dajani, Al-Quds University; Mustafa Al-Kurd, Musician; Dr. Amjad Shihab, General Manager, Al-Shihab Al-Maqdisi College; Zahira Kamal, General Secretary, Palestine Democratic Union (FIDA); Dr. Awad Mansour, Head of Department of Political Science; Director of the Institute for Regional Studies, AlQuds University; Majdi Husseini, Projects Department, Al-Quds Fund & Endowment; Jamal Atamneh, Consultant; Rafik Bakri; Miral Nashashibi; Sana' Hasna, Researcher, Jerusalem File, Palestinian Negotiation Support Project, Negotiations Affairs Department, Ramallah; Dr. Suleiman Ghoshah, Medical Doctor, Jerusalem; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA; Hind Husseini, PASSIA; Michael Koch, Intern, PASSIA; Claudio Salmeri, Intern, PASSIA; Areej Deibes, Translator.



19 December 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: UN Electoral Needs Assessment Mission

Participants: Gonzalo De Cesare, Electoral/Political Affairs Officer, Electoral Assistance Division, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA), New York; Tania Felicio, Political Affairs Officer, ME Team, Middle East Division, DPPA and Peace Operations, New York; Richard Gee; Nagia Hashemee; Michael Burke, UNSCO, Ramallah; Shifa Jayousi, Program Officer, UNSCO.



BRIEFINGS

3 January 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Regional Developments

Participants: Artūras Gailiūnas, Head of Mission, Representative Office of the Republic of Lithuania, Ramallah; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Andržėj Pukšto, Head of Department of Political Science, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania.



10 January 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestinian Internal Politics / The Upcoming Early Israeli Elections

Participants: Dr. Beyhan Senturk, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); Christoph Klement, Project Manager, FES; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA, Benjamin Ashraf, Intern, PASSIA.



12 January 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: EU Policy in the OPT

Participants: Sine Qua Non: Antoine Michon, Head of PR, Sciences Po University, France; Theo Beauchamp, President, Sciences Po University, France.



15 January 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: PASSIA-FES Cooperation 2019

Participants: Dr. Beyhan Senturk, Outgoing Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); Hannes Alpen, Incoming Director, FES; Christoph Klement, Project Manager, FES; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA, Benjamin Ashraf, Intern, PASSIA; Joshua House, Volunteer, PASSIA.



31 January 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Addressing the Gaza Conference on "Palestinian Youth: Towards a National Vision - Opportunities, Challenges and Expectations", held by the House of Wisdom Institute for Conflict Resolution & Governance, Gaza City

Participants: Edward Channer, Project Officer, Forward Thinking, UK; Benjamin Ashraf, Intern, PASSIA; Joshua House, Volunteer, PASSIA



4 February 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: FES-PASSIA Annual Cooperation 2019

Participants: Hannes Alpen, Director, FES; Christoph Klement, Project Manager, FES; Leonie Tredegahr, Junior Guest Researcher, FES; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



5 February 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Kumi Now Initiative

Participants: Omar Haramy, Administrator, Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA, Benjamin Ashraf, Intern, PASSIA; Joshua House, Volunteer, PASSIA.



11 February 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestine and India: Pragmatic Solution to the Conflict

Participants: Sunil Kumar, Head, Representative Office of India, Ramallah; Mohammad E. Abu-Shamsieh, Public Relations Officer, Representative Office of India, Ramallah; Benjamin Ashraf, Intern, PASSIA.



13 February 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestinian Civil Society

Participants: Helena Koumi, Senior Country Analyst, Swedish Migration Agency, Sweden; Benjamin Ashraf, Intern, PASSIA.



26 February 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Japanese-Palestinian Relations

Participants: Kohhei Nishidate, Research Fellow, The Middle East Institute of Japan, Japan; Hiroyuki Suzuki, Researcher, P.h.D, the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, Visiting Scholar, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Benjamin Ashraf, Intern, PASSIA.



4 March 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Increasing Need for International Protection of Palestinian Civilians and Land against Israeli Army and Settler Violence

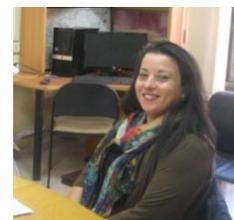
Participants: Prof. Paolo Cotta-Ramissino, General Secretary, Pugwash for Sciences and World Affairs; Steven Miller, Chair of the Executive Committee of the Pugwash Council; Poul Erik Christiansen, Manager of Pugwash Office in London; Benjamin Ashraf, Intern, PASSIA.



9 March 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestinian Peace Movement

Participants: Ruba Al-Ghoul, Department of Higher Education, Conflict Resolution and Development Master's Program, Arab American University.



12 March 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: International Protection for Palestinians

Participants: Brigadier General Marc Gagne, Task Force Commander, Operation Proteus, Canadian Office; Rick Philbin, Chief Superintendent (Canadian Police), Police Liaison Officer, Consulate General of the United States of America; Deric Bowes; Osama Wazwaz, Representative Office of Canada, Ramallah.



25 March 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Korean-Palestinian Relations

Participants: Donggi Kim, Head, and Julie Hashweh, Representative Office of Korea to the PA, Ramallah.



13 April 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Promoting Resilience and Future Perspectives for Palestinian Youth in East Jerusalem

Participants: Andreas Hermann, Advisor Disability Inclusive Development Civil Society Programme/CSP, GIZ, Ramallah; Kristina Leipoldt, GIZ, Eschborn; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



4 May 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Story of Moshe Sharett's Time in Ein Sinya

Participants: Maya de Vries, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Communications, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Yael Perlov, Editor & Producer, lecturer, Tel Aviv University; Khalil Assali, Journalist, Akhbar Al-Balad; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



14 May 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Cooperation | US President Trump's "Deal of the Century"

Participants: Christoph Klement, Project Manager, FES, Jerusalem; Fabio Kalla, Intern, FES; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



22 May 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Water Issues in Palestine

Participants: Julie Trottier, Director of Research CNRS, ART-Dev, France; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



27 June 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Economic Prosperity in Palestine Will Not Achieve Political Stability

Participants: Sophie Block, Middle East Programme Officer, Forward Thinking, London; Middle East Programme & Operations Manager, Forward Thinking, London; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



3 July 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Korean Research Studies

Participants: Meejeong Hong, Professor, Dankook University, Korea; Sang-Hoon Kish Kim, Professor, College of Design, Kangwon National University, Korea; Jeong Changeon, Korea.



3 July 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: ANERA and the Palestinian Civil Society

Participants: Ambassador Edward Gnehm, Board Member and former Board Chair of ANERA; Sean C. Carroll, President & CEO, ANERA, Jerusalem; Mazen Dabbagh, Project Manager, ANERA, Jerusalem.



6 July 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Korean Research Studies

Participants: Meejeong Hong, Professor, Dankook University; Young-Chol Choe, PhD in Political Science, Visiting Professor, SungkyunKwan University, Korea; Kang HyoIn, PhD Student, the Graduate School of Area Studies, Yonsei University, Korea; Haeses Kim, PhD Candidate, Yonsei University, Korea.



6 July 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Family/Clan-based Arbitration in the Palestinian Legal System

Participants: Jeremias Schmidt, PhD Student and Research fellow, University of Muenster, Germany.



3 August 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: St. Olaf College (Minnesota, US) Semester Abroad

Participants: Delegation of St. Olaf College, Minnesota, US: James Hanson, Professor of Religion; Kristina Thalhammer, Professor of Political Science; Theresa Heath, Associate Director, International and Off-Campus Studies; Chuck Huff, Professor of Psychology and Computer Science.



24 August 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Issues Facing the Israeli-Palestinian Struggle / Writing a Book Presenting a Peace Plan to the Palestinians and Israelis

Participants: Noel Tobin, Writer, Ireland.



29 August 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Developments in the Region and the Upcoming Israeli Elections

Participants: Representative Office of Brazil to the PA, Ramallah: Amb. Francisco Mauro Brasil de Holanda, Head; Fernando Mehler, First Secretary; Rodolfo Sahium Ribeiro, Second Secretary.



11 September 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: PASSIA-FES Cooperation

Participants: Christoph Klement, Project Manager, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Jerusalem; Rasmus Brandt, Incoming Program Manager, FES; Lena Aßmann, Intern, FES; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



12 September 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: German-Palestinian-Jordanian Relations

Participants: Representative Office of Germany to the PA, Ramallah: Christian Clages, Head of Mission; Sivine Jansen, First Secretary, Political & Humanitarian Affairs.



18 September 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: PASSIA's Work | Shrinking Civil Space in Palestine and Israel

Participants: Lena Aßmann, Intern, FES, Jerusalem; Sophie Fegerl; Intern, FES, Jerusalem; Amelie Kircher, Intern, FES, Tel Aviv; Felix Binder, Intern, FES, Tel Aviv; Hiba Fteiha, Intern, PASSIA; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



28 September 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestinian-Egyptian Relations

Participants: Dareen Aboul Naga, First Secretary, Representative Office of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Ramallah.



30 September 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestinian Refugees, UNRWA and What Lies Ahead

Participants: Lex Takkenberg, Chief of the Ethics Office, UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), Amman, Mohammad Hussein, Intern, PASSIA; Michael Koch, Intern, PASSIA.



7 November 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Next Palestinian Elections – Challenges, Prospects, Perspectives

Participants: Amb. Afif Safieh, Palestinian Diplomat; Andrew R. Moore, and Alaa Mohmoud, Senior Political Advisor, Palestinian Affairs Unit, US Embassy, Jerusalem.



12 November 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Spanish Historical Narrative and Democracy

Participants: Sophie Block, Middle East Programme Officer, Forward Thinking, UK; Pablo de Zavala Saro, Director General, Fundación Transición Española, Madrid, Spain.



16 November 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Next Palestinian Elections

Participants: William Sieghart, Co-Founder and Chairman, Forward Thinking, UK; Oliver McTernan, Director, Forward Thinking, UK.



16 November 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Water in Palestine

Participants: Julie Trottier, Director of Research at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Expert on Palestinian Water. France; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



27 November 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Impasse, Status-quo, and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict

Participants: PAX, Netherlands: Dr. Pieter Dronkers, Senior Programme Officer; Thomas van Gool, Project Officer Middle East.



28 November 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The EU and Jerusalem

Participants: Jamal Atamneh, Consultant, Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



16 December 2019, American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestinian Elections

Participant: Donggi Kim, Head, Representative Office of the Republic of Korea, Ramallah.

MEDIA

7 February 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Warsaw Conference

Participants: Khalil Mousa, Correspondent, Independent Arabia

26 March 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jordan's King Cancels Romania visit in Jerusalem Embassy Row

Participants: Arab News.

27 March 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The War on Gaza**

Participants: Russia Today

27 March 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Recent Developments in Gaza and the West Bank**

Participants: Deborah Haynes, Foreign Affairs Editor, Sky News, UK.

9 April 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Israeli Elections 2019**

Participants: Shorouq Asad, Correspondent, Jerusalem & West Bank, Dubai TV.



21 May 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The First Stage to Peace: Investing Capital in Gaza**

Participants: TRT Arabia: Maram Musleh, Correspondent; Hamzeh Naaji, Cameraman.



5 August 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **President Trump's Political Agenda**

Participants: Voice of America (VOA): Linda Gradstein; Ricki Rosen.



19 December 2019, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Summary of 2019**

Participant: Dalia Nammari, Journalist, Russia Today.



CONFERENCES

30 January 2019, Gaza City

Topic: Addressing the Gaza Conference on “Palestinian Youth: Towards a National Vision – Opportunities, Challenges and Expectations”

Organizer: The House of Wisdom Institute for Conflict Resolution & Governance, Gaza City

3 September 2019, Görres-Haus/Paulushaus, Jerusalem

Topic: “Back to the Future – 25 Years of Peace Process Revisited”

Organizer: Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Jerusalem; Representative Office of the Federal Republic of Germany, Ramallah



From 20 October to 22 October 2019, Grand Hyatt Amman Hotel, Amman, Jordan

Topic: “Palestinian Refugees: Towards a New Approach to Solutions”

Organizer: Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development (ARDD), Jordan



PASSIA DESK DIARY

Introduction

At the end of 2019, PASSIA published the 32nd edition of its annual Desk Diary! As in previous years, the goal was to provide a comprehensive “tool” for all those who work in or on Palestine or are interested in the Palestine Question in which way ever. As every year, the current edition was updated, amended and revised according to new information that had become available throughout the year. On over 500 pages, the PASSIA Desk Diary contains a directory of contact information for relevant organizations operating in the West Bank and Gaza (listing names, addresses, main activities), as well as a full day-to-day planner (calendar) for the year, and a comprehensive compilation of facts and figures related to Palestine and the Palestinians. PASSIA is very proud to say that its diary has become an invaluable source of information for many people, both locally and abroad, and as yet there is no equivalent publication in Palestine.

The PASSIA Diary is divided into three sections - the Directory, the Calendar, and the Agenda:

Directory

The Directory contains details of Palestinian and international institutions operating in the Palestinian Territories as well as selected Arab and Israeli organizations located in Israel: names of contact persons, phone and fax numbers, e-mail and mailing addresses, websites, and a few keywords describing an organization’s main field of work. At the end of the directory there is an alphabetical index to facilitate searches for certain entries. In the 2020 edition, Directory entries included the following:

State of Palestine

Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)

PLO Executive Committee & PLO
Departments
Palestinian National Council
PLO Delegations Abroad
Representation in International
Bodies

Palestinian Authority (PA)

President’s Office (Units,
Departments, Advisors)
Ministries (Prime Minister’s Office,
Cabinet Office)
Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC)
Attorney General-General Prosecution
High Judicial Council

Supreme Judge Department

The Upper Council of Sharia
Jurisdiction

PA Institutions, Councils &
Commissions

Police and Security

Local Government Administration

Governorates Municipalities & Village
Councils

Political Parties and Factions

Fateh Bodies and Offices

Academic and Research Centers

Agriculture

Associations & Unions

Chambers of Commerce

Charitable Organizations

Culture

- Art & Galleries
- Cultural & Folklore Centers
- Film & Cinema
- Literature
- Jewelry and Crafts
- Museums
- Music & Dance
- Theater

Democracy & Community Development Centers

Diplomatic Missions

- Consulates
- Representative Offices to the PA
- Embassies

Education

- Universities
- Colleges
- Training & Vocational Centers
- Schools
- Early Childhood Education
- Educational Institutes
- Libraries

Environment & Water

Financial & Development Institutions

- Banks
- Investment, Financial Consulting & Credit Companies
- Money Changers

Governmental Aid Missions

Health (by regional distribution)

Human Rights & Law

- Human Rights Centers
- Law Offices
- Lawyers

International & UN Organizations

Israeli Activist Groups

Media & Press

- Palestinian
 - Internet Press
 - Newspapers & Media Services
 - Radio & TV Stations
- Arab TV
- International
- Israeli

NGOs

- Coordinating Groups
- Canadian NGOs
- European NGOs
- US NGOs
- Others & International NGOs

Palestinian Organizations in Israel

Religious Forums & Centers

- Islamic
- Christian

Restaurants & Cafés (Jerusalem – West Bank – Gaza)

Services

- Accountants
- Advertisement, Print & Design
- Bookshops & Stationary
- Business & ICT Incubators
- Car Rentals
- Computers, Software & Information Technology
- Courier & Express Services
- E-mail & Internet
- Insurances
- Management & Development Consulting
- Photo Studios & Video
- Planning & Engineering
- Real Estate
- Telecommunication & Office Equipment
- Translation & Editing
- Other Services

Sports Clubs & Fitness Centers

Trade - Import/Export

Travel & Tourism

- Airlines
- Hotels & Resorts
- Hospices & Guesthouses
- Recreational & Touristic Sites
- Travel Agencies, Tourism Companies & Tour Operators
- Taxis & Transport

Women's Organizations

Youth Organizations

Calendar

The second section of the Diary includes all the standard features of a calendar, such as a day by-day planner, calendars for the previous and following years, address and note space, and anniversaries and national holidays of foreign countries. In each calendar page, the 2020 edition includes informative textboxes on important anniversaries in the history of Palestine.



The Agenda

The Diary's third and final section is the Agenda, which is a yearbook-style compendium of information. It contains a wealth of facts and statistics about Palestine and the Palestinians, supported by tables, illustrative graphs, and suggestions for further research (reading material and website references). The Agenda is divided into the 14 main and several sub-chapters, dealing with the following aspects of Palestinian society and the Palestine Question:

- 1. Palestine At A Glance – Main Indicators**
- 2. Israeli Occupation**
- 3. Geography**
- 4. Population**
- 5. Refugees**
- 6. Land & Settlement**
- 7. Water & Environment**
- 8. Economy**
 - 8.1. Background & Overview
 - 8.2. Agriculture
 - 8.3. Industry & Private Sector
 - 8.4. Labor Market & Employment
 - 8.5. Tourism
 - 8.6. Trade
 - 8.7. Finances
- 9. Education**
- 10. Health**
- 11. Infrastructure**
 - 11.1. Housing & Construction
 - 11.2. Electricity & Energy
 - 11.3. Transportation & Roads
 - 11.4. Communication
- 12. Society & Living Conditions**
 - 12.1. General Social Features
 - 12.2. Household & Living Conditions
- 13. Government**
 - 13.1. Administration

- 13.2. Elections
- 13.3. Rule of Law
- 13.4. Police & Security
- 13.5. Negotiations
- 13.6. State of Palestine

14. Jerusalem

- 14.1. Historical Facts & Figures
- 14.2. Legal Status
- 14.3. Jerusalem in Negotiations
- 14.4. Population
- 14.5. Residency Rights
- 14.6. Housing & House Demolitions
- 14.7. Land & Settlement
- 14.8. The Old City

- 14.9. Education
- 14.10. Employment & Poverty
- 14.11. Israeli Municipal Policies

Timeline & Graphs

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- Chronology of Main Events 2019
- PLO Central Council (members)
- Fateh – Central and Revolutionary

Council (members)

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PASSIA employs its staff on a contractual basis, full or part time. The 2019 PASSIA team, headed by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, handled the execution of all projects, with other researchers or part-timers commissioned for specific tasks related to these projects. This included also a number of volunteers and interns, whose contribution is and was highly appreciated by PASSIA.

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EuroMeSCo was established in 1994 (PASSIA was a founding member) in order to provide Mediterranean countries with a forum for debating international policy and security issues from a regional point of view. In principle, network members deal with international relations and security, carry out policy-oriented research, enjoy a domestically and internationally recognized reputation, and are NGOs. In 1996, EuroMeSCo's scope was expanded to include institutes from non-Mediterranean countries.

EuroMeSCo strives to promote dialogue and the exchange of information between its members; to support their institution-building and research capacities, and to foster cooperation between the civil societies in the member countries. (For further details see: <http://www.euromesco.net>).

LIST OF AVAILABLE PUBLICATIONS

Ever since its foundation, PASSIA has been extensively engaged in publishing and documenting. Currently, the following studies, monographs, research world and reports are available (for more information and/or to order, please visit our website at www.passia.org or email us at passia@passia.org):

NO	TITLE (available publications)	AUTHOR	Arabic/Engl.	DATE
1.	The Conservation of Jerusalem	Khaled A. Khatib, Jerusalem	E	June 1993
2.	The Law of the Land: Settlement & Land Issues under Israeli Military Occupation	Raja Shehadeh, Ramallah	E	July 1993
3.	Strategic Studies & Security: Seminar 1993	PASSIA Seminar Report	E	July 1993
4.	The Jerusalem Arab Municipality	Osama Halabi, Jerusalem	A	1993/2000
5.	Dutch Development Policy Towards the Middle East	Tom de Quaasteniet, Amsterdam	A	May 1994
6.	Jerusalem Women's Organizations During the British Mandate, 1920s-1930s.	Ellen Fleischmann, Georgetown University	A/E	Mar. 1995
7.	The Israeli Disengagement Plan 1995	Jawad Ja'abari, Jerusalem	A	1995/2001
8.	One Year Into Self-Government - Perceptions of the Palestinian Political Elite	Helena Lindholm Schulz Gothenburg University	E	Sept. 1995 Oct. 1997
9.	NGOs and Freedom of Association: Palestine & Egypt- A Comparative Analysis	Denis J. Sullivan, Northeastern University, Boston	E	Dec. 1995
10.	Women in Contemporary Palestine - Between Old Conflicts and New Realities	Maria Holt CAABU, London	A/E	May 1996
11.	The Judaization of Jerusalem - Israeli Policies Since 1967	Allison B. Hodgkins, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 1996
12.	Seminar 1996: Foreign Policies of Arab States	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	April 1997
13.	PASSIA Seminar 1997: Diplomacy & Conflict Resolution in the Middle East	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Aug. 1997
14.	Neighborhood Councils in Arab Jerusalem	Izhaq Al-Qutub, Jerusalem	A	Nov. 1997
15.	Palestine-Jordan-Israel: Building A Base for Common Scholarship and Understanding in the New Era of the Middle East	Various Palestinian, Jordanian and Israeli authors PASSIA, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 1997
16.	Municipal Policies in Jerusalem - An Account from Within	Amir Cheshin, Jerusalem (transl. from Hebrew by L. Perlman)	E	Aug. 1998
17.	Seminar 1998: The US & Canada: Political Systems, Policy-Making and the Middle East	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Oct. 1998
18.	Israeli Settlement Policy in Jerusalem: Creating Facts on the Ground	Allison B. Hodgkins, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 1998
19.	Dialogue on Palestinian State-Building and Identity – PASSIA Meetings 1995-1998	Ed. by Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Jan. 1999
20.	Abraham in the Three Monotheistic Faiths	Prof. Avigdor Shinan, Fr. Maroum Lahham, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway	E	Dec. 1999
21.	Civil Society Empowerment: Media & Communication Skills	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Apr 1999
22.	Seminar 1999: Japan, Palestine & the Middle East	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	June 1999
23.	Peace Enemies - The Past and Present Conflict between Israel and Palestine	Ludwig Watzal, Bonn (translated from German by Deniz Altayli)	E	June 1999

24. Foreign Policies Towards the Middle East & Palestine - PASSIA Meetings & Lectures 1995-98	Ed. by Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	July 1999
25. Civil Society Empowerment (translation of texts from training programs on Policy Analysis, Strategic Planning and Media & Communication Skills)	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	A	Sept. 1999
26. Islamic Movement: A Challenge for Palestinian State-Building	Bernd Schoch	E	Nov. 1999
27. Civil Society Empowerment: Leadership Skills	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	May 2000
28. Seminar 2000: Israel - State, Society & Politics	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	July 2000
29. Palestinian Judiciary and the Rule of Law in the Autonomous Areas – An Introduction	Victoria Wagner, University of Vienna, Austria	E	Nov. 2000
30. Civil Society Empowerment: Research Skills	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2000
31. The Phenomenon of Collaborators in Palestine	A. Rigby, S. Abdul Jawwad, D. Williams, S. Zeedani	E	Mar 2001
32. Civil Society Empowerment: Project Management	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	May 2001
33. The World Bank & the Palestinian NGO Project	Denis J. Sullivan	E	Aug. 2001
34. Civil Society Empowerment: Fundraising & PR	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2001
35. US Policy Towards Jerusalem and the Occupied Arab Territories, 1948 and 1967	Candace Karp	E	Dec. 2001
36. 100 Years of Palestinian History - A 20 th Century Chronology	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2001 2005
37. Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon - From Hosting to Discrimination	Hussein Chaaban, UK	A	Feb. 2002
38. Civil Society Empowerment: Monitoring & Evaluation	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2002
39. Joseph in the Three Monotheistic Faiths	Ibrahim Abu Salem, Rabbi Jeremy Milgrom, Rev. David Neuhaus	E	Dec. 2002
40. Elite Change in an Authoritarian Regime: Co-opting an Islamic Movement in Algeria	Noura Hamladji	E/A	Jan. 2003
41. Civil Society Empowerment: Train the Trainer	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Feb. 2003
42. Palestine in Review - This Was 2000	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Sept. 2003
43. Water in Palestine: Problems, Politics, Prospects	Various; edited by F. Daibes	E	Oct. 2003
44. Palestine in Review -This Was 2001	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2003
45. Moses in the Three Monotheistic Faiths	Rabbi David Rosen, Fr. Dr. Louis Hazboun, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway	E	Dec. 2003
46. The Geneva Accord: Plan or Pretense?	Nick Kardahji	E	May 2004
47. Civil Society Empowerment: Governance Issues in Palestine	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	July 2004
48. The Conflict Over Jerusalem - Some Palestinian Responses to Concepts of Dispute Resolution	Cecilia Albin	E	Updated Oct. 2004
49. Security Sector Reform in the OPT	Roland Friedrich	E	Nov. 2004
50. Palestinian-Israeli Impasse - Exploring Alternative Solutions to the Palestine Israel Conflict	Various contributors	E	Aug. 2005
51. PASSIA Seminar 2004: Ireland & Palestine: Divided Countries United by History	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	2005
52. Islam in Contemporary Palestine	Various contributors	A	Nov. 2005
53. Introduction into Islamic Culture	Various contributors	A	Dec. 2005
54. In Search for a Palestinian Identity-A Personal Odyssey	Khalil Nakhleh	E/A	Dec. 2005
55. Palestine in Review - This Was 2002	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2005
56. Palestinian Security Sector Reform	Various contributors	E/A	Dec. 2005

57. Civic Education in Palestine - Citizenship, Human Rights, & Community Development	Various contributors	E	April 2006
58. Palestinian Personalities - A Biographic Dictionary	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	July 2006
59. Palestinian Security Sector Governance - Challenges and Prospects	PASSIA, Jerusalem & DCAF, Geneva	E	Aug. 2006
60. Palestine in Review - This Was 2003	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2006
61. Palestine in Review - This Was 2004	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2006
62. Documents on Jerusalem (4 Vol., incl. CD)	Edited by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi	E	Jan. 2007
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64. Jesus in the Christian and Muslim Faiths	Fr. Rafiq Khoury/Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway	E	Dec. 2007
65. Documents on Palestine (8 Vol., incl. CD)	Edited by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi	E	Dec. 2007
66. Palestine in Review - This Was 2006	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Mar. 2008
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