Protecting Islamic and Christian Cultural Heritage in Jerusalem

Conference on

Approaches to Heritage Protection – The Case of East Jerusalem

30 November 2021

P R O G R A M

9.00-9.30 OPENING REMARKS
Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA
Maria Velasco, Deputy Head of the EU Delegation

SESSION I: INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORKS

9.30-10.00 Heritage Protection in International Law
Dr. Ibrahim Shaban, Lecturer in Law, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem

10.00-10.30 Heritage and the Cultural Struggle for Palestine: Limits of Sovereignty, the Role of Non-state Actors, and the Nature of Cultural Property
Dr. Chiara De Cesari, Associate Professor, European and Cultural Studies, University of Amsterdam (via Zoom)

10.30-11.00 The Hashemite Custodianship and its Role in Protecting the Holy Places in Jerusalem
Dr. Wasfi Kilani, Hashemite Fund for the Restoration of Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock

11.00-11.15 Coffee Break
**SESSION II: THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND**

11.15-11.45  Tangible and Intangible Cultural Heritage – Threats, Problems and Steps Forward  
*Khaled Khatib, Director of the Palestinian Heritage Museum, Jerusalem*

**SESSION III: CASE STUDIES**

11.45-12.45  Al-Sabra Case (Muslim Waqf)  
*Dr. Munir Nusseibeh, Al-Quds University*

The Reality of the Orthodox Waqf in Jerusalem  
*Uday Bajali, Representative of Truth*

Old City Rehabilitation Work  
*Moataz Dawabsheh, Project Manager, UNDP*

Dar Al-Consul Residential and Civic Complex (Old City)  
*Hanin Nammari, Senior Architect, UN-Habitat*

12.45-13.15  Questions and Answers

**SESSION IV: ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY**

13.15-13.45  Rehabilitation and Development in the Jerusalem Area: Lifta, Qalandia and Kufr Aqab  
*Arch. Aya Tahan and Arch. Dana Abbas, Architects and Planners from RIWAQ*

14.00  Lunch