

## JERUSALEM

Ever since its foundation in 1987, the Question of Jerusalem has been a primary focus of PASSIA's activities. Besides hosting meetings, projects include academic research, documentation, publication and cooperation with other institutions to increase both awareness and knowledge concerning the various aspects of the Holy City.

Over the years, Palestinian, Israeli, and foreign speakers from a variety of backgrounds (including scholars and academics, representatives from the three monotheistic religions, political figures, diplomats and visiting scholars or researchers) have been invited to give presentations and encourage debate on the issues at hand.

PASSIA projects intend to facilitate the exchange of information, to identify various needs and interests in the city and to encourage the development of possible future scenarios. These goals, in turn, have led to the discussion of a broad range of topics, including infrastructure, demographic and geopolitical issues, settlements and land use, 'absentee property', the Old City, religion and religious affiliation with the city, Israeli institutions, and future scenarios for the status of the city.

### Meetings on Jerusalem

(See also the *Religious Studies Unit* chapter for meetings focusing on religious aspects)

7 January 2006, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian Elections & Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Paul Adam, BBC TV; Louisa Brook, BBC World Affairs Analyst News; NBC TV; German TV

17 January 2006, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Media & the Question of Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Anthony Headley & Ghosun, Al-Jazeera International, Jerusalem

19 January 2006, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Elections & Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Ron Hermann, EU Commission for Palestinian Elections

19 January 2006, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Is Israel Willing to Cede East Jerusalem?**

Participant(s): Radio Monte Carlo

23 January 2006, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem & Palestinian Elections**

Participant(s): Rolf Porseryd, TVPB Sweden; Hans Joachim Wiese, Deutschland Radio; Lotta Zochansson, Journalist, Swedish TV update on TV3.

14 February 2006, Al-Aqsa Mosque, Jerusalem

Topic: **Issues on Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Sheikh Abdul Azim Salhab, Head, Council for Waqf and Islamic Affairs, Higher Islamic Council, Jerusalem

11 February 2006, PASSIA, Ramallah

Topic: **A Tale of Two Walled Cities: Johannesburg & Jerusalem**

Speaker(s): Andy Clarno, PhD Candidate, Sociology, University of Michigan, US

30 June 2006, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Israel Barring Jerusalem Residents from Using Bethlehem Crossing**

Participant(s): Akiva Eldar, Correspondent, *Haaretz* Newspaper

5 September 2006, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Issues**

Participant(s): Amos Gil, Executive Director, Ir Amin Organization, Jerusalem; Daniela Yanai, Staff Attorney, Ir Amin Organization, Jerusalem.

5 September 2006, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Issues**

Participant(s): Fredrik Kirst, Political Officer, Swedish Consulate, Jerusalem.

27 October 2006, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Brian O'Keefe, ABC News America.

26 December 2006, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Question of Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Jean-Paul Ghoneim, Conseiller de Coopération et d'Action Culturelle (Cultural Activities Adviser), Consulate General of France, Jerusalem.

2 January 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Teddy Kollek, Former Mayor of Jerusalem (1911-2007)**

Participant(s): Ravi Nessma, Associated Press.

3 January 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **On Teddy Kollek (1911-2007)**

Participant(s): BBC, World Service Radio, with Alan Freedman.

15 February 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Israel & the Holy Sites in Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Gabi Fröhlich, Catholic News Agency (CNA), Germany & the Vatican Radio  
22 February 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Turkey and Jerusalem's Holy Places**

Participant(s): Dr. Ercan Ozer, Turkish Ambassador (C.G), Sheikh Jarrah, Jerusalem

5 March 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **EU & the Question of Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Alberto Ucelay, Deputy Consul General, Spanish Consulate, Jerusalem.

7 March 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem**

Participant(s): A Delegation from the "Vision" Institution.

12 March 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **The Old City of Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** Michael Bell, University of Windsor, Dep. of Political Science, Ontario, Canada; Jodi White, Public Policy Forum, Ottawa, Canada; David Cameron, Professor & Chair, Dept. of Political Science, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario; Nicholas A. Kenney, Esq., The Fletcher School, Tufts University Medford, US



10 April 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **Jerusalem**

**Participant:** Ravi Nessman, Correspondent, Associated Press, Jerusalem

16 April 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **Jerusalem**

**Speaker(s):** Sheikh Mohammed Hussein, Mufti of Jerusalem & Palestine

5 May 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **Jerusalem and the Holy Places**

**Participants:** Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Terry Bullatah, Advocacy and Lobbying Coordinator, PARC; Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Najeh Daoud Bkeirat, Islamic Waqf Office; Dr. Arafat Hidmy, Makassed Society, Jerusalem; Fouad Dakkak, Engineer; Ishaq Budeiri, Arab Studies Society; Ibrahim Al Joulany, Trader; Nora Karmi, Sabeel; Adnan Hussein, Engineer; Mazen Sinokrot, CEO Sinokrot Group

28 June 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **Jerusalem After 40 Years of Occupation**

**Participants:** Russia Today TV, Issa Shaker; Fadi Mikhail; Elias Zananiri

28 July 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **Jerusalem**

**Participants:** Robert Blecher, Analyst, International Crisis Group, Working to Prevent Conflict Worldwide.

20 August 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** **The Question of Jerusalem and Holy Places**

**Speaker:** Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi

**Participants:** *Center for Jerusalem Studies at Al Quds University, Jerusalem:* Saed Mashal, Teacher, Center for Jerusalem Studies, Jerusalem ; Laura McFarlane, Student; Akram Salhab, Student; Vivian Korsten, Coordinator Arabic Course; Thalia Veintimilla, Student; Miranda Hurst, Student; Dawn Richardson, Co-director of a Hostel; Nicolas Fulton, Student; Ilana Pinshaw, Administrator; Ann Ward, International Health Participate Research (Conflict Culture); Jerome Drevon, Student Internship.



21 August 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Commemorating Al-Aqsa Mosque Arsen (August 21, 1969)**

**Participants:** Shireen Abu Aqleh; Ma'moun Othman; Majdi Banora, Al-Jazeera TV Team

22 August 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Israeli Settlement Plans at Karm Al-Mufti in Sheikh Jarrah, Jerusalem**

**Participants:** Ramatan and Palestine TV, Ramallah.

28 August 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Jerusalem**

**Participants:** Sarah Kreimer, Associate Director, Ir Amim, Jerusalem; Amos Gil, Executive Director, Ir Amim, Jerusalem.

29 August 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Muslim-Christians Relations and the Question of Jerusalem**

**Participants:** Thomas Wenski, Bishop of Orlando; Thomas M. Garofalo, Country Representative, CRS Europe, Middle East, Jerusalem; John Carr, Secretary of the Department of social Development and World Peace in the USCCB, Washington; Sister Elizabeth Worley, Diocese of Orlando.

5 September 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Jerusalem and the Holy Places**

**Participants:** Group from the Church of Sweden's Information Department and International Secretaries: Group from the Church of Sweden's Information Department and International Secretaries: Ella-Britt Eriksson, Policy Adviser; Karin Hollmer, Communication Officer; Mattias Carlsson, Policy Adviser; Iréne Holmström Wiborg, Program Director Communication; Lasse Bengtsson, Communication Officer; Peter Andersson, Lutheran Deacon; Marie Körner, Secretary of International Affairs; Maria Lundström, Editor Public Relations; Daniel Bramsell, Press Secretary; Rickard Bonnevier, PR and Communication Manager; Louise Andersson, Communication Officers Assistant; Kajsa Kvarned, Lutheran Pastor; Helena Kedja, Communication Officer; Inger Hägg, Deacon; Roland Asplund, Communication Officer; Britt-Marie Helgesson, Lutheran Pastor; Lena Bergquist, Press officer; Mats Lagergren, Communication Officer; Maria Eddebo, press Officer; Thomas Janfalk, Communications Officer; Emelie Simmons, Communications Officer; Mogens Amstrup Jacobsen, Lutheran Pastor; Hiba Abu Arafah, Program Coordinator, STI; Hikan Bengtsson, Director.



13 September 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: Jerusalem Issues**

**Participants:** Nader Al-Aser, Egyptian Consul General; Sameh Nabil Said, Consul General, Egyptian Embassy, Tel Aviv; Adnan Hussaini, Advisor for Jerusalem Affairs to President Mahmoud Abbas.

13 November 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** Discussion on the Jerusalem Document and on Archaeological Digs in the Old City

**Participants:** Philip Buschard and Janne Andersen from the Danish Representative Office, Ramallah

19 November 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** Jerusalem Issues

**Participants:** Matt Gutman, Middle East Correspondent, ABC News Radio, Jerusalem

18 December 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** Jerusalem

**Participants:** Jean-Paul Ghoneim, Cooperation Advisor for Cultural Affairs, French Consulate, Jerusalem

## Workshops and Conferences

4 January 2006, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic:** The Israeli Settlement Plans in Sheikh Jarrah

**Speaker(s):** Adnan Al-Husseini, Engineer, General Director of the Jerusalem Islamic Waqf

**Participant(s):** Ishaq al-Buderi, Arab Studies Society; Alfred Habash; Hani Abdeen; Ibrahim al-Jolani; Mu'az Din-Nashashibi; Darwish Hijazi; Meejoeng Hong, Professor, South Korea; Jamal Al-Aref, Deputy Middle East Representative, ANERA; Mohammad Jeddah, Nidal Center, Jerusalem; Khaled Abu Arafah, Engineer; Ibrahim Shaban, Lecturer, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem



20 February 2007, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem

**Topic:** The Judaization of Jerusalem - Where To?

**Organizer:** Al-Quds University

**Speakers:** Atallah Hanna, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Dr. Yousef An-Natsheh, Dr. Mohammed Al-Shallaldeh

25-27 February 2007, Jerusalem

**Topic:** Jerusalem Conference

**Organizer:** French Consulate General, Jerusalem

18 March 2007, Best Eastern Hotel, Ramallah

**Topic:** Workshop on Jerusalem

**Organizer:** Palestinian National Liberation Movement (Fateh), Bureau of Ideological Affairs and Studies, Ramallah

**Speaker(s):** Ahmad Qre'ia; Dr. Hassan Khater; Khalil Tufakji; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA, Jerusalem ►



15 August 2006, Palestinian National Commission for Education, Culture & Science, Ramallah

**Topic: On a National Agenda for Jerusalem**

**Participant(s):** Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA, Jerusalem

25 November 2007, An-Najah National University, Nablus

**Topic: Ninth Conference on Jerusalem**

**Organizer:** Faculty of Arts, An-Najah National University, Nablus.

**Participants:** Sheikh Jamal Bawatneh, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi



25 March 2007, MAC House OCHA Office, East Jerusalem

**Topic: Jerusalem - the City and its People**

**Participants:** Palestinian Participants: Azam Khatib; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA; Ziad Abu Zayyad; Abdel Qader Hussein, Faisal Hussein Foundation; Dr. Varsen Aghabekian, Welfare Association; Terry Bullata

UN Participants: H. E. Ban Ki Moon, UN Secretary General; Mr. Alvaro de Soto, UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process; Michael C. Williams, Assistant Secretary, General and Special Adviser on the Middle East; Kevin Kennedy, Deputy Special Coordinator UN Resident, Humanitarian Coordinator; Juliette Touma, Information and Media Coordinator, Information and Media Unit

31 October 2007, PASSIA, Jerusalem

**Topic: The Jerusalem Old City Initiative**

**Participants:** Arthur Hughes, Senior Advisor, The Jerusalem Old City Initiative, University of Windsor, Canada; Michael Dumper, Exeter University; Jodi White, Public Policy Forum, Ottawa, Canada; David Cameron, Professor & Chair, Dept. of Political Science, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario; Adnan Hussein, Advisor for Jerusalem Affairs to President. ►



## Research

From its establishment in 1987, PASSIA's activities focused much attention on the many aspects of the Jerusalem Question and related research, publication and dissemination of information.

Research work in 2006/07 included the following:

- Putting together a comprehensive chronology of events that happened in or affected - in one way or another - the city of Jerusalem.
  
- **Bulletin – Israeli Settlement Activities and Related Policies in Jerusalem**  
by *PASSIA Team*  
*April 2007 (English, 16 pages)*

This Special Bulletin presents the basic facts and figures relating to the issue of settlements as well as the Wall Israel is currently building in and around Jerusalem. It intends to shed some light on certain significant recent events and developments in city, including Israel's so-called 'renovation projects' at the Al-Buraq/'Wailing Wall' area that began in Feb. 2007, the growing presence of Israeli settlers in and around the Old City, the expansion of settlements in the wider Jerusalem area, and the impact of the separation barrier - all of which were carefully designed to make any serious discussion relating to the establishment of a future Palestinian capital in Jerusalem impossible.



■ Documents on Jerusalem: Volumes: I, II, III, IV

Edited by *Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi*

*Four Volumes, January 2007 (English, approx. 1,700 pages, including CD)*

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The four volumes on Jerusalem list the full texts or extracts relating to the issue of Jerusalem of numerous statements, documents, and resolutions mirroring the different attitudes towards Jerusalem as they have evolved throughout history. The Documents on Jerusalem are arranged by source of origin (e.g., Jewish, Christian, Muslim, European, US, Palestinian, Israeli, Arab, UN, etc.) and, within each sub-category, in chronological order.

