

## Manuel Hassassian

Palestinian Ambassador to the United Kingdom



Ambassador Hassassian was born in Jerusalem in 1953. He has three children.

- 1975 **BA in Political Science** from the American University of Beirut
- 1976 **MA in International Relations** from Toledo University, Ohio
- 1986 **PhD in Comparative Politics** from University of Cincinnati, Ohio
- 1981 - 1991 **Professor of Political Science** at Bethlehem University
- 1982 - 1991 **Dean of Students**
- 1991 - 1996 **Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Chair of the Humanities Department**
- 1996 - 2005 **Executive Vice President** of Bethlehem University
- 1999 - 2004 Served as the **President of the Rectors' Conference of the Palestinian Ministry of Higher Education and President of the Palestinian-European-American Cooperation in Education (PEACE) program**
- 1996 -2005 **Executive Vice President and President of the Council of Higher Education**
- 1996 -2005 **Representative of the University at the Ministry of Higher Education**, at the Association of Arab Universities, and among other international academic organizations
- 1996 -2005 **Visiting Scholar** at the University of Reims, France; Villanova University, USA; University of Maryland at College Park, USA; University of Vermont, USA; Earlham College, USA and University College, Dublin, Ireland.

### Academic Awards and Honours:

- 1996 **Honorary Doctorate** (Docteur Honoris Causa) awarded by the University of Reims, France
- 1998 **Nominated** by the Center of International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, **for the Gleitzman Middle East Award.**
- 2015 Award by the Grass Root Diplomacy as the best Ambassador in raising National Awareness about his country in the U.K

## Publications:

### - Books: Selected

1. Citizenship and the State in the Middle East: Approaches and Applications. (With Nils Butenschon and Uri Davis, (Syracuse University Press, 2000)
2. Survey of Research Institutions on the West Bank & Gaza. (200 pages. Unpublished manuscript by the Welfare Association - Geneva, 1994)
3. Palestine Factionalism In the National Movement during the Mandatory Period. (150 pages. Published by PASSIA - Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs, 1990)
4. Political Opposition within the Palestine Nationalist Movement 1919-1939. (230 pages. Published in Arabic by Al-Bayader Al-Siyasi, Jerusalem, 1987)

**-Booklets Selected**

1. The Historic Evolution of the Armenian National Movement and the Conflict Over “Nagorno Karabagh. (98 pages. Published by PASSIA, 1988. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition in 1990)
2. The A.R.F. As a Revolutionary Party: 1890-1921. (35 pages. Published by the Hai Tad, Armenian Case Committee, Jerusalem 1983)
3. Armenia’s Struggle for self-determination. (46 pages. Published by the Hai Tad, Armenian Case Committee, Jerusalem, 1983)

**Book Chapters Selected:**

1. Palestinian Political Culture, Civic Society and the Concept of Citizenship. Chapter in Citizenship and the State of Middle East: Approaches and Applications. p. 242 - 263 Syracuse University Press, U.S.A., 2000.
2. The Transformation of Palestinian Civil Society and its Role in Developing Democratic Trends in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Chapter in Contrasts and Solutions in the Middle East. P. 183 - 195. Aarhus University Press, Denmark, 1997.
3. Historical Justice and Compensation for Palestinian Refugees. Chapter in Regime Formation in the Post Peace Process: the Political Agenda of the Middle East in Transition. p. 38 - 53. Institute of Developing Economies, Tokyo, Japan, 1997.
4. Policy and Attitude Changes in the PLO, 1965 - 1994. Chapter in The PLO and Israel: From Armed Conflict to Political Solution. p. 73 - 97. St. Martin’s Press, N.Y., 1997.

**Selected Publications in the field of political science:**

- *The Palestinian National Movement 1919-1939, 2005*
- *NGOs in Context of National Struggle, 2002*
- *Jerusalem’s Sovereignty: Models and Scenarios, 2002*
- *The Political Refugee Problem in the Light of the Peace Process, 2001*
- *Palestinian Political Culture, Civic Society and the Concept of Citizenship, 2000*
- *Israeli-Palestinian Peace-building: Lessons Learnt, 1999*
- *The Transformation of Palestinian Civil Society and its Role in Developing Democratic Trends in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, 1997*
- *Historical Justice and Compensation for Palestinian Refugees, 1997*
- *Policy and Attitude Changes in the PLO, 1965 -1994, 1997*
- *Policy Dynamics of the Palestinian Leadership, 1994*
- *The Democratization Process of the PLO, Ideology and Strategy Structure, 1993*

**Consultancy Roles:**

- 1998-2001 Palestinian **Higher Ministerial Committee for Church Affairs,**
- 1997-1998 **Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation with UNESCO,**
- 1997-1999 **Palestinian Negotiating Team on Refugee Final Settlement,** Orient House P.L.O. Office
  - in Jerusalem
- 1996-2005 **Chief Political Advisor** to the late Mr. Faysal Hussein, Minister of State Affairs, Head of Jerusalem File and the Ministerial Commission on Refugees.
- 2000-2005 **Chief Consultant / Advisor on Jerusalem** at the Negotiation Affairs Department / PLO
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