

ABS RELIGIOUS STUDIES SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP, BI-ANNUAL SEMINAR NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, July 24-26, 2009

■ PROGRAMME

■ FRIDAY, July 24

Session I

7.00-7:30 pm

Introductions

7:30-8:15 pm

Zaid Lundberg, "The Guardian and the Globe: Shoghi Effendi's Discourse on Modernity and the Bahá'í Faith"

8:30-8:45

Sonja Van Kerkhoff, Artistic Presentation

■ SATURDAY, July 25

Session II

10:00-10:45

Sen McGlinn, "Friday, Day of Rest?"

10:45-11:30

Peter Smith, "The Global Distribution of Baha'is, 1925-1949"

11:30-11:45

BREAK

11:45-12:30

Houshmand Badii, "Towards a New Work Ethic: A Baha'i Perspective"

12:30-2:30

LUNCH

Session III

2:30-3:15

Lil Abdo, "The Baha'i Faith and Wicca: a Comparison of Relevance in Two Emerging Religions"

3:15-4:00

Erfan Sabeti, "Institutional Globalization of the Bahai Faith and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1960-2008: A Comparative Study"

4:00-4:30

BREAK

4:30-5:15

Geoff Nash, "Christianity, the Baha'i Faith, and the Crisis of Religious Modernism: an Inquiry"

5:15-6:00

Masoud Afnan "The Age of Maturity and the Declining Age of Puberty: Implications for Junior Youth"

6:00-6:30

BREAK

6:30-7:15

Moojan Momen "Shi'i History: the Alternate View"

7:15

DINNER

■ SUNDAY July 26

Session IV

10:00-10:45

Roger Prentice, "Justice and Religion: Baha'i Reflections on Justice as the Supreme Conditioner of Thought and Activity"

10:45-11:30

Stephen Lambden, "The Bab, the Hebrew Bible, and the Question of Jewish Influence"

11:30-11:45

BREAK

11:45-12:30

James Russell, "The Middle Ages in the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi: A Survey"

Session V

12:30-2:30

LUNCH

2:30-3:15

Marion Finley, "An Approach to Extremism in Islam"

3:15-4:00

Open Forum: Academic Baha'i Scholarship, Issues and Challenges

4:00

Possible visit to the grave of E. G. Browne at Elswick Cemetery, Newcastle upon Tyne