

UNIVERSITY OF LANCASTER

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY : DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

BAHA'I STUDIES SEMINAR.

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th April, 1979

Programme. This years papers will include:

- Loni Bramson (Louvain, U.C.) "Internal opposition to Abdul-Baha's Will and Testament and the establishment of the Guardianship".
- Denis MacEoin (Cambridge) "The concept of Jihad in the Babi and Baha'i Movements".
- Robert Parry (Lancaster) "The Baha'i Faith and Buddhism: A phenomenological study".
- Peter Smith (Lancaster) "Millenarianism in the Babi and Baha'i religions."

Information

All sessions will be held in room B65, Sociology Department, Cartmel College, University of Lancaster.

University catering outlets will be open for lunches and coffees. Anyone wishing to attend the group dinner on Saturday evening should indicate this on the registration form.

A list of hotels and guest houses will be available on request.

Some copies of papers will later be available at cost (estimate approx. £2).

Synopses of papers and final programmes will be sent out to seminar participants at the beginning of March.

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P R O G R A M M E

Saturday, 7th April

- 11.00 - 12.15 Moojan Momen (Cambridge)  
"The Social Basis of the Babi Upheavals: A Preliminary  
Analysis".
- 12.15 - 2.00 Lunch
- 2.00 - 3.15 Denis MacEoin (Cambridge)  
"The Concept of Jihad in the Babi and Baha'i Movements".
- 3.15 - 3.45 Tea
- 3.45 - 5.00 Peter Smith (Lancaster)  
"Millenarianism in the Babi and Baha'i Religions".
- 5.00 - 6.00 General discussion of the three papers.

Sunday, 8th April

- 10.00 - 11.15 Loni Bramson (Louvain, U.C.)  
"Internal opposition to Abdu'l-Baha's Will and Testament  
and the Establishment of the Guardianship".
- 11.15 - 11.45 Coffee
- 11.45 - 1.00 Robert Parry (Lancaster)  
"The Baha'i Faith and Buddhism: A Phenomenological Study".
- 1.00 - 2.30 Lunch
- 2.30 - 3.45 Viva Perdu (Oxford)  
"Manifestation and Incarnation".
- 3.45 - 4.15 Tea
- 4.15 - 6.00 "Baha'i Studies" - general discussion.

Peter Smith (Department of Sociology)  
Robert Parry (Department of Religious Studies)  
University of Lancaster

In addition to the Bahá'í Studies Seminar (7th/8th April) there will be an informal meeting on Monday 9th April at the home of Peter and Sammi Smith to discuss methodological and organizational issues (e.g. Bahá'í Studies Group; the Research Department's comments on the Cambridge Seminar; Reviewing....). This meeting is primarily intended for those who are involved in Bahá'í Studies on a professional or fairly full time basis -- although others will of course be welcome. Unlike the Seminar this meeting will be held within a Bahá'í context.

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