
SHAYKHI, BABI-BAHA'I AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES ACADEMIC SEMINAR. NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, JULY 13-15, 2012

■ **PROGRAMME**

■ **FRIDAY, July 13, 2012**

Session I

7.00-7:30 pm Introductions

7:30-8:15 pm Stephen Lambden, Merced, USA: "The Khaṣā'il-i sab`a (Seven Directives) of the Bāb, Some Further Considerations"

8:30-9:00 Conference reports, academic miscellany and work in progress, etc

■ **SATURDAY, July 14, 2012**

Session II

10:00-10:45 Wendi Momen, Biggleswade, UK: "Abdu'l-Baha's Elucidation of the Concept of the Oneness of Humanity on His Western Travels"

10:45-11:30 Phyllis Ghim Lian Chew, Singapore: "The Four Gods of China"

11:30-11:45 BREAK

11:45-12:30 Francesco Capelleri, Edinburgh, UK: "Light upon Light: Three Hermeneutical Approaches to the Qur'ānic Text (24:35)".

12:30-2:30 LUNCH

Session III

2:30-3:15 Seena Fazel, Oxford, UK: "Lessons Learned and Challenges Ahead for Contemporary Baha'i Studies"

3:15-4:00 Stephen Lambden, Merced, USA: "Riḍwān Renewed, روضان - رضوان : from the Bible to the Sūrat al-Riḍwān of the Bāb and Beyond"

4:00-4:30 BREAK

4:30-5:15 Moojan Momen, Biggleswade, UK: "Apocalyptic Thinking and Process Thinking: the Baha'i Approach to the Religious World"

■ **SATURDAY, July 14, cont.**

5:15-6:00 Geoff Nash, Sunderland, UK: "A Lesson from History: Ernest Renan's Narrative of Early Christianity"

6:00-6:30 BREAK

6:30-7:15 Lil Osborne, London, UK: "Pre-pubescent Pole Dancers and the Re-emergence of Paganism"

7:15 DINNER

■ **SUNDAY July 15, 2012**

Session IV

10:00-10:45 Lil Osborne, London, UK: "The Extraordinary Life and Work of Robert Felkin-Baha'i Mage"

10:45-11:30 Ismael Velasco, Bristol, UK: "A Baha'i Pantheism?"

11:30-11:45 BREAK

11:45-12:30 Sholeh Quinn, Merced, USA: "Interpreting the Mi'rāj in Shaykhī, Bābī, and Bahā'ī Texts"

Session V

12:30-2:30 LUNCH

2:30-3:15 Open Session

3:15 Possible visit to the grave of E. G. Browne at Elswick Cemetery, Newcastle upon Tyne