

ABS RELIGIOUS STUDIES SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP, BI-ANNUAL SEMINAR NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, December 10-12, 2004

■ PROGRAMME

■ FRIDAY, December 10th

Session I

7.30 pm	Introduction
8.00 pm	Necati Alkan, "Midhat Pasha and 'Abdu'l-Bahā in 'Akkā : The Historical Background of the 'Tablet of the Land of Bā'"
9.00 pm	Nika Saeedi, The Spread and Influence of the Bahā'ī Faith in Ardestan

■ SATURDAY, December 11th

Session II

9:30-10:30	Oliver Scharbrodt, "Between Activism and Quietism: The political culture of the Bahā'ī community during the Constitutional Revolution of 1906"
10:30-11:00	BREAK
11:00-12:00	Erfan Sabeti, "Postmodernism: Some Bahā'ī Observations"
12:00-1:00	Moojan Momen, "The Bahā'ī Schools of Iran"
1:00-3:00	LUNCH

Session III

3:00-4:00	Stephen Lamden, "The Commentary of Sayyid Kāzīm Rashtī upon the Graphical Form of the Mightiest Name of God"
4:00-5:00	Seena Fazel, "Problems and Opportunities for Baha'i Studies"
5:00-5:30	Break
5:30-6:30	Roger Prentice The Still Quiet Centre and Its Disturbances: some immanent and transcendental elements in Bahā'ī theology relevant to a model of Bahā'ī -inspired education
7:00	DINNER

■ SUNDAY December 12th

Session IV

9:30-10:30	Moojan Momen, "The Bahā'ī Community of Kāshān"
10:30-11:00	Betsy Omidvaran, "Some Aspects 'Abdu'l-Bahā's Contacts with Egypt".
11:00-11:30	Break
11:30-12:30 of	Stephen Lambden, "Bahā'-Allāh the Tetragrammaton: Some Aspects of Judaism and the Bahā'ī Faith"

Session V

12:30-2:30	LUNCH
2:30-4:00	Academic Bahā'ī Studies (review of present state in various countries, the Internet Bahā'ī Studies community, conference reports, interchange of information)