

**BABI-BAHA'I AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES ACADEMIC SEMINAR, July 25-27, 2014, Baha'i Centre, 30 Victoria Square, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, England, UK**

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■ **PROGRAMME**

■ **FRIDAY, July 25, 2014**

**Session I**

7:00-8:00 pm Welcome, Introductions, and Reports

8:00-9:00 p.m. Sen McGlinn, Leiden University, "Abdu'l-Baha on Politics and Civilization"

■ **SATURDAY, July 26, 2014**

**Session II**

10:00-10:45 Shahla Mehrvani, University of Sheffield, "Social Construction of Baha'i Theology"

10:45-11:30 Stephen Lambden, University of California, Merced, "The Abrahamic-Islamic *Basmala* and its Babi-Baha'i Re-creations"

11:30-11:45 **BREAK**

**Session III**

11:45-12:30 Geoff Nash, Sunderland University, "The Ahmadiyya: a Movement of Messianic Renewal in Islam?"

12:30-1:15 Todd Lawson, University of Toronto, "The Art of the Bab: a comparison of the Qayyum al-asma with Joyce's Ulysses"

1:15-2:45 **LUNCH**

2:45-3:30 Saghar Sadeghian, University of Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris 3, "Tabriz New Catholic Church: a Construction of Urban Constitutional Crisis (1906-1912)"

3:30-4:15 Lil Abdo Osborn, Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford, "The Extraordinary Life and Work of Alice Mary Buckton- Baha'i Mystic"

4:15-4:30 **BREAK**

■ **SATURDAY, July 26, 2014 (cont.)**

4:30-5:15 Judy Greenway, Independent Researcher, "Elizabeth Gibson and Thomas Kelly Cheyne: the Marriage of Art and Religion"

5:15-6:00 Miklos Sarkozy, Institute of Ismaili Studies, "From Refusal to Conversion – Armin Vámbéry and the Baha'i Faith"

6:00 **DINNER**

■ **SUNDAY July 27, 2014**

**Session IV**

10:00-10:45 Carolyn Sparey-Fox, Independent Researcher, "The Half of it Was Never Told"

10:45-11:30 Moojan Momen, Independent Researcher, "Breaking Through Cultural Barriers: Migration and Change in the Baha'i Faith"

11:30-11:45 **BREAK**

11:45-12:30 Sholeh Quinn, University of California, Merced, "Every Shade of Piety and Impiety:" Babi-Baha'i Books and Believers in E. G. Browne's *A Year amongst the Persians*"

12:30-1:15 Denis MacEoin, Independent Researcher, "'Qurrat al-'Ayn', the Initiator of the Babi Breach with Islam"

1:30-2:30 **LUNCH**

2:30 Possible visit to the grave of E. G. Browne at Elswick Cemetery, Newcastle upon Tyne