PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, December 5th

Session I
7:00 pm  Introduction and History of the UK Seminars  
7:30 pm  Todd Lawson, University of Toronto, Canada  
         TBA  
8:30 pm  Work in Progress, Miscellaneous Reports and Discussion

SATURDAY, December 6th

Session II
9:30-10:30  Roger Prentice. University of Sunderland, UK  
           "Spiritual Inspiration in the Art of Bill Viola"

10:30-11:00  BREAK

11:00-12:00  Anne-Sophie Lamine, Professeur d'Université, Membre du Centre  
             d'Études Interdisciplinaires des Faits Religieux (CNRS - EHESS),  
             France  
             "Religious Truth, Identities, and Recognition of Otherness"

12:00-1:00  David Palmer, Eileen Barker Fellow in Religion and Contemporary  
            Society, Dept. of Sociology, London School of Economics, UK  
            "The Institutional Economy of Knowledge and the Science-Religion  
            Dichotomy: the Case of Modern China"

1:00-2:30  LUNCH

Session III
2:30-3:30  Joan Barden  California State University, USA  
           "Discovering Faith in the Age of Modernity: A Journey from Islam to  
           Bahai"

3:30-4:30  Oliver Scharbort  University of London, School of Oriental and  
           African Studies, UK  
           "Encounters in the Land of Bā: Muslim and Bahá'í Accounts on the  
           Relationship between 'Abdu'l-Bahá and Muhammad 'Abduh"

4:30-5:00  Break

5:00-6:00  Moojan Momen, Cambridge, UK  
           "The Conversion of Zoroastrians and Jews to the Bahá'í Faith in Iran"

6:00-7:00  Panel Discussion: "Babi-Bahá'í Literatures, Book Collecting,  
           Publishing, and Sources (Electronic and Other)"

7:00  DINNER

SUNDAY December 7th

Session IV
9:30-10:30  Necati Alkan, Bochum University, Germany  
            TBA

10:30-11:00  Cyrus Agahi, University of Sheffield, UK  
             "Sociological Research in Contemporary Iran: A Case Study"

11:00-11:30  BREAK

11:30-12:30  Stephen Lambden, Ohio University, USA  
             "A New Jerusalem on Mount Carmel?: An Overview of the Bab and  
             Judaism, Scriptural Tablets of Baha'u'llah to Jews with SomeAspects  
             of the Bahá'í Approach to Ancient Israelite Religion and Modern  
             Judaisms"

Session V
12:30-3:00  LUNCH and possible visit to the grave of E. G. Browne at Elswick  
            Cemetery, Newcastle upon Tyne

3:00-4:00  Panel/Group Discussion/Open Forum