

**Baha'i Studies Academic Seminar, Kellogg College,
University of Oxford, 16-17 July 2016**

	Saturday 16 July	Sunday 17 July
9.00	Registration and introduction	
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10.00	Ben Schewel (University of Virginia/Groningen), Seven narratives of religion	Roger Prentice , Shoveling Fog: what key things can we learn from others about teaching spirituality?
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11.00	Nava Ashraf (LSE & Harvard), Rethinking human nature in economics	Shahla Mehrgani (University of Sheffield), The Baha'i Faith and the world-building enterprise
.30	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
11.00	Moojan Momen , A comparison between the commentary and interpretation of an Islamic tradition by 'Abdu'l-Bahá and Ayatu'llah Khomeini	Rob Weinberg , 'Abdu'l-Baha's encounters with Gertrude Kasebier
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12.00	Dominic Brookshaw (University of Oxford), Manifesting Respect and Nurturing Empowerment: the late Qajar context of 'Abdu'l-Baha's letters to Zoroastrian Baha'is	Sen McGlinn (University of Leiden), 'Abdu'l-Baha and Emmanuel Swedenborg
1.00	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
2.00	Stephen Lambden (University of California, Merced), Beatitudes and woes: some Biblical, Islam-Biblical and Babi Baha'i intertextualities	Lil Osborn , Men in the early British Baha'i community
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3.00	Seena Fazel (University of Oxford), Baha'i studies at the crossroads – key papers and developments in the <i>Baha'i Studies Review</i> 1990-2002	Will van den Hoonaard (University of New Brunswick), Controversies in the research ethics review process in universities
.30	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
4.00	Udo Schaefer's contribution to Baha'i studies (panelists incl. Will van den Hoonaard, Sholeh Quinn, Susan Lamb, Nava Ashraf)	Next year and beyond
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5.00	Current Baha'i studies – general discussion	