

## PROGRAMME

BABI-BAHA'I AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES ACADEMIC SEMINAR, June 19-21, 2015, Baha'i Centre, 30 Victoria Square, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, England, UK

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### ■ FRIDAY, June 19, 2015

#### Session I

- 7:00-7:45 p.m. Roger Prentice, Independent Scholar, "ONE GARDEN: 'The Changeless Faith of God' & 'Interfaith as Inter-spiritual Living'" (paper to be read in absentia)
- 8:00-8:45 p.m. Jack McLean, Independent Scholar, "The Place of the Heroic in the Historical Writings of Shoghi Effendi"

### ■ SATURDAY, June 20, 2015

#### Session II

- 10:00-10:45 Francesco Cappellari, The University of Edinburgh, "The Calligraphic Art of Mishkīn Qalam"
- 10:45-11:30 Moojan Momen, Independent Scholar, "*Memorials of the Faithful: the Democratization of Sainthood*"
- 11:30-11:45 **BREAK**
- 11:45-12:30 Miklos Sarkozy, Institute of Isma'ili Studies, "Between Traveller and Pilgrim: the Perceptions of Arminius Vámbéry on Shi'ite Holy Places in Iran"
- 12:30-2:00 **LUNCH**

#### Session III

- 2:00-2:45 Lil Osborn, Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford "The Baha'i Faith and the Western Esoteric Tradition, a Conflict of East & West?"
- 2:45-3:30 Geoffrey Nash, University of Sunderland, "The Impact of Fear and Authority on Islamic and Baha'i Modernisms in the Late Modern Age"
- 3:30-3:45 **BREAK**

### ■ SATURDAY, June 20, 2015, Session III, cont.

- 3:45-4:30 Seena Fazel, University of Oxford, "Institutional Leanings and Emphases in Baha'i Studies over 40 Years - How They Compare with Individual Baha'i Academics, Other Small World Religions, and Broader Scholarly Trends"
- 4:30-5:15 General Discussion
- 5:15-6:00 Libraries, Publishers, and Baha'i Scholarship (George Ronald, Afnan Library, etc.)

6:00

**DINNER**

### ■ SUNDAY June 21, 2015

#### Session IV

- 9:30-10:15 Farshid Kazemi, The University of Edinburgh, "A Cinematic Cosmos in Process: Shaykh Ahmad al-Aḥsā'ī, *hūrqalyā*, and Cinema"
- 10:15-11:00 Hooshmand Badee, York St. John University, "Reconciliation between Theologians and Social Scientists in Using the Concept of 'Spirituality'"
- 11:00-11:15 **BREAK**
- 11:15-12:00 Stephen Lambden, University of California, Merced, "Shaykh Ahmad ibn Zayn al-Dīn al-Aḥsā'ī (d. 1241/1826) on *hūrqalyā* and its Bābī-Bahā'ī Reverberations"
- 12:00-12:45 Denis MacEoin, Gatestone Institute, New York, "The Poetry of Tahirah Qurrat al-'Ayn (d. 1852): Some Musings after 40 or So Years"
- 12:45-2:30 **LUNCH**
- 2:30 Tentative visit to the grave of E. G. Browne at Elswick Cemetery, Newcastle upon Tyne