

RELIGIOUS STUDIES BI-ANNUAL SEMINAR NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, September 14-16, 2007

■ PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

■ FRIDAY, September 14

Session I

- 7.00 pm Introduction and History of the UK Seminars
7.30 pm Conference reports (MESA, Anjuman, Irfan, etc.); work in progress
- 8:00 pm **Roger Prentice** : Toward a Bahā'ī-inspired Aesthetic including its 'spirit' and relationship to other central concerns.
- 9:00 pm **Sholeh Quinn** : The Master and the Professor, A Tablet of 'Abdu'l-Bahā' to T. K. Cheyne (1846-1915).

■ SATURDAY, September 15

Session II

10:00-11:00 **Bijan Davarpanah** : Did the Bāb and Bahā'u'llāh meet? Some scriptural, historical and theological approaches.

11:00-11:30 **BREAK**

11:30-12:30 **Moojan Momen** : Marginality and Apostasy in the Bahā'ī Community.

12:30-2:00 **LUNCH**

Session III

2:00-3:00 **Erfan Sabeti** : Bahā'īs and Mormons in the Global Field.

3:00-3.30 **BREAK**

3:30-4:00 **Stephen Lambden** : Shī'ī concepts of the Mightiest Name of God and the poem of Shaykh Bahā'ī on its recondite mysteries.

4:00-5:00 **Roger Prentice** : The Spirit of Photography within art as mystical experience – a Bahā'ī perspective

5:00-5.30 **BREAK**

5:30-6.30 **Moojan Momen** : Changing Reality: the Baha'i Community and the creation of a New Reality.

7:00 **DINNER : TEA, CRUMPETS AND WHIRLING...**

■ SUNDAY, September 16

Session IV

10:00-11:00 **Hooshmand Badii** : The role of religion in Advancing Human Welfare

11:00-11:30 **BREAK**

11:30-12:30 **Geoffrey Nash** : Gobineau's Persia : Diversity and invention in a Nineteenth Century Shi'ih Society.

Session V

1:00-2.00 **LUNCH**

2:00-3:00 **Stephen Lambden** : The Sūrah titles of the Qayyūm al-asmā'. Gateways to the earliest thought of the Bāb

3:00-4:00 General Discussion
