



University Graduate Seminar Announcement – 2020

Discourse and Social Transformation: Achieving Coherence

The Institute for Studies in Global Prosperity (ISGP) is pleased to announce the upcoming offering of its seminar for university graduates and young professionals in Australia, to be held at the Yerrinbool Bahá'í Centre of Learning in New South Wales, from **26 December 2020 to 6 January 2021**. This seminar aims to assist young adults to develop the capacity to examine and analyze society and the forces acting upon it and to introduce relevant aspects of the Bahá'í Teachings both in their academic and professional fields and in other social spaces in which they are present.

ISGP is a non-profit organization, working in collaboration with the Bahá'í International Community, which is dedicated to building capacity in individuals, groups and institutions to contribute to prevalent discourses concerned with the betterment of society. Drawing on both science and religion as two complementary systems of knowledge and practice, ISGP fosters the creation of learning environments where knowledge and experience can be shared and systematized. Principles, concepts and approaches that are relevant to the advancement of civilization are explored through processes of study, reflection, and consultation that are grounded in practice.

Applications

The seminar is open to young adults who have completed undergraduate degrees in diverse fields of study and are considering graduate studies, are part way through their graduate studies, or are in the early stages of their careers or other forms of service to humanity.

Applications can be sent to isgp@bahai.org.au and must be received by **Friday 15 May 2020**, after which they will not be considered. Participants are asked to meet their own transportation costs for the seminar. In addition, a fee of AU\$650, due shortly after acceptance to the seminar, will cover printed materials used at the seminar, lodging, and three meals per day.

Prerequisites for the seminar:

- (a) Completion of a bachelor's degree prior to attending the seminar.
- (b) Successful completion of the course *Contributing to the Advancement of Civilization (Unit 1: Justice and the Oneness of Humankind)*. This course is offered online and administered by the LazosLearning Association. It is eight weeks long and requires 10 to 15 hours of study per week. Detailed information about enrollment, fees, and satisfactory completion of the course can be obtained at www.lazoslearning.org. Applications to the online course are considered separately by LazosLearning.

Please note:

There are two opportunities to take the online course prior to the graduate seminar, one beginning in March and one in July. Applications for the next offering are due by **13 March 2020**. The application deadline for the last intake of the online course that will be accepted before the graduate seminar is **3 July 2020**.

- (c) Background reading of selected texts, for all participants, before the start of the seminar. These readings will be sent to participants several weeks before the seminar.