

Two Annual Wilmette Institute Courses Prepare Learners for Contributions to Public Discourse

The Wilmette Institute is now offering its **Climate Change** course annually in March and its **Sustainable Development and the Prosperity of Humankind** course annually in September (it used to be every other year). The hope is that the two courses will continue to prepare more and more learners to take actions in their personal and community lives and prepare them for discussing the topics with friends and colleagues.

TWENTY YEARS AND COUNTING

Twentieth Anniversary Sees Wilmette Institute Move from Strength to Strength

Celebrating a twentieth anniversary (for the Wilmette Institute, 1995-2015) is generally a big milestone. But as the anniversary drew to a close, the director and staff were amazed at how many first's happened during Wilmette Institute's twentieth year. [READ>>](#)

First Web Talk in 2016: Shahrokh Monjazebe Will Discuss "The Birth of the New Revelation in the Siyah-Chal Prison"

The year 2016 is bringing more of the Wilmette Institute's popular, free Web Talks. Be among the first to sign up for the first one scheduled for January 17, 2016. Shahrokh Monjazebe will be discussing "Veiled and Concealed in the Hidden Habitation of His Inner Being: The Birth of the New Revelation in the Siyah-Chal Prison." [READ>>](#)



Update on Final 2015 Web Talk Featuring Dr. Michael Penn Talking about "The Nature of the Human Mind: A Bahá'í Perspective"



As those of you who logged into Dr. Michael Penn's Web Talk in December know, there were difficulties with the video transmission. The Wilmette Institute staff is working to clean up the video. We will keep you posted.

News

Lisa Ortuno, 1969-2015

Faculty, friends, colleagues, and learners were shocked and saddened to learn about the passing of Lisa Ortuno, faculty for the Wilmette Institute's **Science and Religion** course, on December 26, 2015, in a freak automobile accident. [READ>>](#)



Fund-Raising Letter for the Wilmette Institute: Help It Grow!

On December 10, 2015, the Wilmette Institute sent out its annual fund-raising letter, setting a goal of \$45,000 for 2015-16. The details of the appeal and the ways the Institute intends to use the contributions are set out in the letter accompanying a contribution form. The

Institute has already received \$31,540 toward the

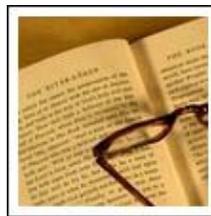


Writings

A foundational course in a series on Baha'u'llah's revelation

Lead Faculty: [Sandra Lynn Hutchison](#)

Duration of course: Seven weeks (January 7 - February 24, 2016)



Finding the Hidden Gift: An Approach to Studying the Baha'i Writings

is designed to introduce learners to a systematic method of studying any Baha'i scripture by using a number of literary and exegetical tools. We will study selected passages from Baha'i scripture through four "windows" into the meaning of divine wisdom: Language; Theme; Structure; and the Work as a Whole. Through learning to read carefully, with attention to literal and figurative language, theme, structure, and the place of the

work in the author's writings, we will develop tools for analyzing any Baha'i text systematically. The course will also examine quickly five other "windows" into the meaning of scripture: the oeuvre (body of works), the biography, the times, the literary tradition, and the world scriptural tradition.

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A new course studying the progressive nature of Baha'u'llah's revelation with six video webinars

[From Concealment to Glorious Splendor: The Three Stages of Baha'u'llah's Declaration \(A Webinar Course\)](#)

One in a series of courses exploring the writings of Baha'u'llah

Lead Faculty: [Shahrokh Monjazebe](#)

Duration of course: Seven weeks (January 15 - March 3, 2016)



In From Concealment to Glorious Splendor: Three Stages of Baha'u'llah's Declaration

We will cover the three declarative and pivotal works of Baha'u'llah revealed during the fourteen year span from 1852 to 1866—namely, the mystic poem *Rashh-i-'Ama'*; the *Madinatu's-Sabr*, which hints at His suffering; and the weighty *Suratu'l-Muluk* (Tablet to the Kings), three works associated with the three stages of His declaration: First, His reception of revelation in the Siyah-Chal; second, His

private declaration in the Garden of Ridvan to a group of close followers, and, third, His public declaration to the kings and rulers of the world. The course will include six live web video sessions that will be recorded for watching later. Three will cover the texts studied, and three will cover the events discussed in the course.

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A course examining Baha'u'llah's tablets to the world's kings and rulers

[The Summons of the Lord of Hosts](#)

Another in the series on Baha'u'llah's revelation

Lead Faculty: [Christopher Buck](#)

Faculty: [Necati Alkan](#)

goal. Many thanks to those who have contributed and to those who are helping the Institute expand its offerings to more and more diverse populations. [READ>>](#)

Cambodian Temple Virtual Tour

Give yourself 5:22 minutes of tranquil meditation while you watch a virtual tour



of the Baha'i House to be built in Battambang, Cambodia, one of five local houses of worship called for by the Universal House of Justice in 2012. Set to Cambodian music, the tour ushers you through the entrance and by the guard house and then to the carpark, the administrative center and meeting place, offices, dormitory, spacious landscaped grounds, and the moat and pond to the central edifice, the House of Worship.

[VIEW>>](#)

Stories about Huququ'llah Sought

Lesan Azadi, Director of the Baha'i Academy in India, and some friends are "preparing a book of stories about Huququ'llah to be used for education of the believers," especially young Baha'is. Mr. Azadi asks that anyone who has such stories to please send them to director@bahaiacademy.org. Feel free to share this request with your local community, Ruhi classes, and clusters.

Louise R. (Shahnaz) Waite (d. 1939): Her Grave to Finally Receive a Headstone



Research on Find a Grave revealed that the grave of Louise R. Waite, an early Baha'i who received forty-one letters from 'Abdu'l-Baha, did not have a headstone. By contributing to the fund to pay for the marker you can help save Baha'i history and

honor an early American Baha'i. [READ>>](#)

Good Things Come in Two's for the Unity Museum in Seattle, Washington

A new name and second place in a poll of museums in Western Washington: these are the news from what used to be called the Washington Baha'i Museum. [READ>>](#)

Web Talks/Webinars on the Birth of Baha'u'llah's Revelation; Shoghi Effendi, the Principled Leader; and the Role of Religion in Society

[Wilmette Institute Web Talk](#) / Jan. 17

Shahrokh Monjzab

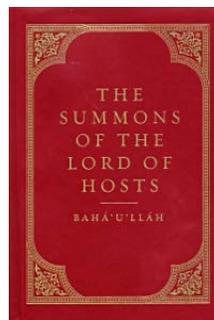
"Veiled and Concealed in the Hidden Habitation of His Inner Being: The Birth of the New Revelation in the Siyah-Chal Prison"

[Association for Baha'i Studies Webinar](#) / Jan. 21

Dr. Shaheen Tedjarati

"Shoghi Effendi: The CEIO (Chief Executive and Inspired Officer), The Ultimate Example and Guide

Duration of course: Seven weeks (January 22 - March 7, 2016)



In **The Summons of the Lord of Hosts** course we will explore the series of letters that Baha'u'llah sent to kings and rulers of the world between 1866 and 1870. Written after He declared His mission, the letters, according to the Universal House of Justice, "summoned the monarchs of East and West collectively, and some among them individually, to recognize the Day of God and to acknowledge the One promised in the scriptures of the religions professed by the recipients of His Summons." Baha'u'llah Himself says that "Never since the beginning of the world hath the Message been so openly proclaimed." "As Baha'u'llah's influence penetrates ever more deeply the life of the larger society throughout the world," the Universal House of Justice notes, "it seems especially appropriate" that the full texts of Baha'u'llah's important letters sounding the themes of His revelation be studied by "a broad readership." For texts we will use *The Summons of the Lord of Hosts* and a compilation about the tablets that provides background information.

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A new course exploring American Indian religion and the Baha'i Faith

[American Indian Religion and Spirituality](#)

Another in a series of courses on religion, philosophy, and theology

Lead Faculty: [Paula Bidwell](#)

Faculty: [Kamao Cappo](#), [Richard Hainsworth](#), [Valerie Phillips](#)

Duration of course: Seven weeks (January 25 - March 10, 2016)



In **Native American Religion and Spirituality** we will focus on indigenous spirituality and the universal message of Baha'u'llah. We will explore how the spiritual teachings in Native American religion echo and parallel similar teachings found in the Baha'i writings, how Baha'i understandings of spirituality and religion are expanded by considering native traditions, how culture affects the way in which Baha'is look at reality, and how Native North American Baha'is can connect the Baha'i writings to their sacred traditions and thus share the Message in a more effective manner. We will cover a wide range of topics, including how to understand and communicate without cultural divides, developing an awareness of our inherent

biases, the historic effects of Christianity on Native populations, how such effects influence our interactions today and our presentations of the Faith, and the uncomfortable subject of colonization and how it affects Native Americans and European descendent Americans. In our readings, discussions, and consultations, we will focus on encouraging differing ideas, insights, and perspectives on complex issues to broaden our understandings and enrich our collective experiences and wisdom.

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A new course examining monotheism in the Old Testament and the promise of the coming Messiah's Kingdom

[Exploring the Book of Isaiah](#)

Another in the series of courses on religion, philosophy, and theology

Lead Faculty: [Ted Brownstein](#)

for Principled Leadership and Management"

[The Baha'i Chair for World Peace](#) / Feb. 2

Professor Aldon Morris, Forrest Professor of sociology and African-American Studies at Northwestern University

"The Sociology of W.E.B. Du Bois: Why Du Bois is the Founder of American Scientific Sociology"

[Association for Baha'i Studies Webinar](#) / Feb. 24

Julia Berger

"The Role of Religion in Society"

[The Baha'i Chair for World Peace](#) / Apr. 5

Professor James M. Glass, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park

"The Psychotic in Public Life: Human Nature and the Political Justification of Brutality"

Conferences on Families and Communities, Ethical Business Practices, the Tablets of the Divine Plan, and Religion

[Desert Rose Sixth Annual Artists and Scholars Symposium](#) / Feb. 12-14

Theme: Unifying Families and Communities

Call for Papers: Deadline, Jan. 13

Desert Rose Baha'i Institute, Eloy, Arizona, USA

[ebbf Conference / Milan, Italy](#) / May 12-15

"Consultation: Beyond Decision-Making, A Tool for Learning"

['Irfan Colloquia / Santa Cruz, CA](#) / May 26-30

Celebrating the Centenary of the Tablets of the Divine Plan

Bosch Baha'i School, English and Persian

['Irfan Colloquia / Acuto, Italy](#) / Jun. 29-July 4

Celebrating the Centenary of the Tablets of the Divine Plan

Centre for Baha'i Studies, Persian

['Irfan Colloquia / Acuto, Italy](#) / Jul. 5-8

Celebrating the Centenary of the Tablets of the Divine Plan

Centre for Baha'i Studies, English

['Irfan Colloquia / Tambach, Germany](#) / Jul. 21-24

Celebrating the Centenary of the Tablets of the Divine Plan

Tambach Baha'i Center, German

[2016 ABS Conference / Montreal, Quebec](#) / Aug. 11-14

Aug. 11-14

['Irfan Colloquia / Davison, Michigan](#) / Oct. 6-9

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Celebrating the Centenary of the Tablets of the Divine Plan

Louhelen Baha'i School, English and Persian

[Dedication, Mashriqu'l-Adhkar of Chile](#) / Oct. 13-16

13-16

Santiago, Chile

[American Academy of Religion](#) / Nov. 19-22

San Antonio, Texas, USA

Duration of course: Seven weeks (February 1 - March 7, 2016)



The book of Isaiah is one of the longest and most complex prophetic works in the Hebrew Bible (Christian Old Testament). Probably composed in stages by different individuals or groups of individuals, the oldest section traces back to Isaiah ben Amoz, who lived in the eighth century BCE. The book contains what many consider to be the oldest clear statement of monotheism and also promises the coming of a Kingdom under a Messiah. Many peoples, throughout the millennia, have interpreted the prophetic passages many ways. The Baha'i Faith offers new interpretations of some of the passages in Isaiah, and Baha'is infer other interpretations. In **Exploring the Book**

of Isaiah we will undertake a careful reading of the text to understand its historical nature and to put Baha'i interpretations in an historical context.

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Explore Shoghi Effendi's multifaceted life and works that continue to shape our lives today

[The Ministry of Shoghi Effendi](#)

One in a series of course exploring the ministry and writings of Shoghi Effendi

Lead Faculty: [Barney Leith](#)

Faculty: [Ed DiLiberto](#)

Duration of course: Seven weeks (February 7 - March 29, 2016)



In **The Ministry of Shoghi Effendi** we will look briefly at Shoghi Effendi's childhood and youth (1897-1921) and more extensively at his ministry as Guardian of the Baha'i Faith (1921-57). We will consider the many roles Shoghi Effendi filled (builder, interpreter, author, and translator) as he carried out his duties as Guardian in fostering the growth and development of the Baha'i Faith. He devoted much of his ministry to building the administrative order outlined by Baha'u'llah and elaborated by 'Abdu'l-Baha in His Will and Testament and to using it as an instrument for fostering the international spread of the Baha'i Faith called for by 'Abdu'l-Baha in the Tablets of the Divine Plan.

Shoghi Effendi also worked tirelessly to extend and beautify the properties of the Baha'i World Center in Haifa and Acre, to erect the facade of the Shrine of the Bab, and to prepare a physical home for the center of the administrative order. Shoghi Effendi translated many writings of Baha'u'llah into English, translated and edited a history of the Babi period of the Faith, penned thousands of letters clarifying basic Baha'i teachings, and wrote the classic history of the first hundred years of the Faith's beginnings. His devotion, self-sacrifice, and suffering are an inspiration to Baha'is of all generations.

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Examine Sufism as one key to understanding Baha'i writings

[Introduction to Sufism \(Islamic Mysticism\)](#)

Another in a series of courses on religion, philosophy, and theology

Lead Faculty: [Robert Stockman](#)

Faculty: [Daniel Pschaida](#), [Daniel Gebhardt](#)

Duration of course: Seven weeks (February 12 - April 1, 2016)



Sufism is the mystical dimension of Islam concerned with describing the nature of and developing a deep personal

Learners in Action

Studying The Secret of Divine Civilization Increases Learner's Comfort Level in Contributing to Political Discussions

An enthusiastic first-time learner from Alaska embarks on her first Ruhi book and her first Wilmette Institute course and finds herself already with an increased comfort level that is enabling her to contribute to discussions of political issues by quoting from 'Abdu'l-Bahá's treatise on "the future reorganization of the world." [READ>>](#)

Learner Shares "Time and the Baha'i Calendar" with an Agnostic, a Christian, and a Baha'i

A learner in **The Badi' (Baha'i) Calendar** course chooses a healthy dinner, inspiring musical selections, a discussion tailored for guests from varied backgrounds, and tea and sweets to discuss the Badi' and other calendars. [READ>>](#)



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relationship with God. Sufis created a vast literature in poetic and essay form about the human relationship with God, developed important ideas and terms to describe it, and wrote ecstatically about the experience itself. In the process they discovered important insights into the meaning of many Qur'anic passages. The language they developed provided the Bab and Baha'u'llah with a powerful vocabulary and a set of metaphors to express their revelations. In **Introduction to Sufism** we will study the origins and development of the Sufi tradition and its foundational role for understanding many Baha'i texts.

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Preparing for discourse on governance from a Baha'i perspective

[Applying Baha'i Principles to Discourses on Governance in the United States](#)

One in a series of courses on global civilization

Lead Faculty: [Brian Aull](#)

Duration of course: Seven weeks (February 22 - April 16, 2016)



The Universal House of Justice has commented on the breakdown of trust and collaboration between the individual and the institutions of governance because of the corrupt practices of partisan politics. This "broken" state of American democracy is the subject of numerous books and articles. Baha'is have something to contribute to this discussion, for the Baha'i electoral process, its consultative approach to decision-making, and its current efforts in developing human resources and building communities constitute a living model of democratic life. In **Applying Baha'i Principles to Discourses on Governance in the United States** we will explore how Baha'is might contribute to discourses on governance in a way that speaks the language and engages the concerns of scholars, activists, and other people of good will working for civic renewal in the United States.

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A popular course that provides tools for adding to your efforts to mitigate climate change

[Climate Change](#)

One in a series of courses on Baha'i teachings on aspects of global civilization

Lead Faculty: [Christine Muller](#)

Faculty: [Gary Colliver](#), [Arthur Lyon Dahl](#), [Carole Flood](#)

Duration of course: Eight weeks (March 1 - April 16, 2016)



In the **Climate Change** course we will explore the basic science of climate change and provide an understanding of how climate disruption impacts us today and will continue to affect us in the future. We will explore ethical questions related to climate change and address them in the context of the spiritual teachings of the world's religions, especially those of the Baha'i Faith. Some readings will help us make enlightened decisions for our personal and community lives that are consistent with our spiritual and ethical values. Finally, we will learn to participate in public discourse by being empowered to present, from a Baha'i and interfaith perspective, spiritual responses to the climate crisis. For those interested in a more thorough study of climate change and its spiritual dimensions or who are interested in specific

Mark Your Calendar

April 1 - May 19, 2016

[Understanding Religion: Conceptual and Experiential Aspects](#)

April 4 - May 4, 2016

[Marriage for Social Progress](#)

April 7 - May 25, 2016

[Christianity for Deepening and Dialogue](#)

April 15 - May 15, 2016

[Hands of the Cause of God: Paths of Service](#)

April 22 - June 7, 2016

[The Kitab-i-Aqdas](#)

May 1 - June 17, 2016

[How to Chair Consultation at Feast](#)

May 10 - June 10, 2016

[Preparing for the New Five Year Plan](#)

May 15 - July 2, 2016

[Preparing for Interfaith Dialogue](#)

May 22 - July 9, 2016

[The Writings of the Bab](#)

May 27 - July 8, 2016

[Am I Ready for a Relationship?
Preparing for Marriage](#)

June - December 2016 Course Schedule

Below is the Wilmette Institute's course schedule for June through December 2016. The schedule is subject to change.

June 1 - July 19, 2016
Baha'u'llah's Revelation:
A Systematic Survey

June 7 - July 25, 2016
Islam for Deepening and Dialogue

June 15 - August 9, 2016
Dynamic Consultation

June 22 - August 9, 2016
The World Order of Baha'u'llah:
Selected Letters

July 1 - August 17, 2016
Exploring the Hebrew Bible
(Christian Old Testament)

July 15 - September 6, 2016
The Destiny of America

August 1 - September 17, 2016
The Tabernacle of Unity

August 15 - October 2, 2016
Hinduism for Deepening and Dialogue

August 20 - October 7, 2016
Building a World Federation:
The Key to Resolving our Global Crises

August 25 - October 12, 2016
The Ministry of 'Abdu'l-Baha

aspects of it, the course offers numerous optional resources. This course does not provide a forum for debate about whether climate change is real because there is overwhelming scientific evidence of human-caused global warming.

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A course designed to help health-care professionals apply their knowledge to bring about social change

Health Care and Social Action

One in a series of courses on Baha'i teachings on aspects of global civilization

Lead Faculty: [Babak Etemad](#)

Faculty: [Stephen Karnik](#), [Kavian Milani](#), [John Safapour](#)

Duration of course: Seven weeks (March 7, 2016 - April 24, 2016)



Health Care and Social Action, presented by Health for Humanity and the Wilmette Institute, will examine existing models of health and wellness and explore concepts in the Baha'i writings that might contribute to these models. Beginning with a review of definitions of health and wellness by the World Health Organization and others, we will explore selected readings, attempting to identify goals for which we can strive when seeking health for individuals and society. Then we will examine research and readings on happiness and its interface with health and wellness. Finally, we will conclude with the hypothesis that the Baha'i teachings speak uniquely to health, wellness, and happiness and that an organized approach to discourse and action is timely and necessary within the current Five Year Plan and beyond. This course is ideal for students, health-care professionals, and others seeking an opportunity for discourse and action in the health-care field.

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Examine the relationship of the world's religions to each other and their role in human progress

Progressive Revelation

A course in a series on religion, philosophy, and theology

Lead Faculty: [Robert Stockman](#)

Faculty: [William Collins](#), [Anne Pearson](#)

Duration of course: Seven weeks (March 10 - April 27, 2016)



A central teaching of the Baha'i Faith is progressive revelation, the belief that God has sent a series of revelations to humanity through Manifestations and prophets and that each revelation builds on the understandings and interpretations of the previous revelations available to that culture. In **Progressive Revelation** we will review the Baha'i authoritative texts and scholarly explorations of the principle and consider its implications for dialogue with people interested in religion.

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Discover how you can incorporate the arts into all your Baha'i activities

The Baha'i Faith and the Arts

Another in a series of courses on Baha'i teachings on the arts

September 1 - October 19, 2016
Practicing the Arts

September 2 - October 4, 2016
Consulting and Problem-Solving as a Couple

September 7 - October 25, 2016
Rediscovering the Dawnbreakers

September 10 - October 28, 2016
Sustainable Development and the Prosperity of humankind

September 15 - November 2, 2016
The Advent of Divine Justice

September 22 - December 22, 2016
How to Organize and Maintain a Baha'i Archive

October 7 - November 24, 2016
Judaism for Deepening and Dialogue

October 10 - November 27, 2016
Epistle to the Son of the Wolf

October 15 - December 2, 2016
Buddhism for Deepening and Dialogue

October 25 - December 12, 2016
Charters of the Faith

November 1 - December 19, 2016
Understanding Religion: Social and Historical Aspects

November 7 - December 25, 2016
The Baha'i Faith and Philosophy

November 10 - December 28, 2016
The Promise of World Peace

November 15 - January 3, 2017
The Equality of Women and Men

November 22 - January 17, 2017
The Epistle of Kings: A Comprehensive Study of Suriy-i-Muluk, Baha'u'llah's First Proclamatory Tablet To the Kings of the Nineteenth Century (WEBINAR)

December 1, 2016 - January 17, 2017
Writing Biographies and Histories

December 20, 2016 - February 6, 2017
Introduction to Shi'i Islam

Lead Faculty: [Anne Perry](#)
Faculty: [Sandra Lynn Hutchison](#), [Marjan Nirou Saniee](#)

Duration of course: Seven weeks (March 15 - May 3, 2015)



In **The Baha'i Faith and the Arts** we will explore the purpose of the arts from a Baha'i perspective; how art and religion have harmonized and conflicted in the past and how the Baha'i dispensation will be similar to and different from the past; the artist as a person with an important gift to share with the world; how the Baha'i writings encourage artists; reframing imagination, creativity, and risk-taking within a Baha'i context and prioritizing the positive aspect of creativity to enhance our lives, our communities, the Baha'i Faith, and the future; and developing a serviceable language about the arts that enables us to integrate the arts more fully into Feasts, Holy Days, core activities, commemorations, and so on and to include more people in art making and appreciation of the arts.

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Explore the material, spiritual, and ethical dimensions of economics and how they can advance the prosperity of humankind

[Economics and the Baha'i Faith](#)

Yet another in a series of courses on Baha'i teachings on aspects of global civilization

Lead Faculty: [Mary Fish](#)
Faculty: [Hooshmand Badee](#), [James West](#)

Duration of course: Seven weeks (March 22 - June 2, 2016)



In **Economics and the Baha'i Faith** we will examine the guiding principles in the Baha'i authoritative texts that relate to economics and the betterment of society. The Baha'i Faith does not provide an economic system, but its spiritual and ethical values have much to say about the material aspects of life and the organization of society. We will review the world's economic conditions in light of recent letters by Baha'i institutions and assessments by Baha'i and other experts and consider the implications of the moral and spiritual teachings of the Faith on Baha'i communities and wider society. Topics covered in the course will include Baha'i perspectives on wealth creation and distribution, economic justice, spiritual solutions to economic problems, the elimination of poverty, the market economy, the work ethic, globalization, and advancement toward the prosperity of humankind.

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