

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Peter Smith:

Curriculum Vitae (2019)

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1. A Short Résumé:

Dr. Peter Smith graduated from the University of Bristol in England with a degree in Education and Geography in 1973, and after working as a school teacher for some years completed a Ph.D. in the Sociology of Religion at the University of Lancaster in 1982 (awarded 1983). He began teaching at Mahidol University in 1985, when he first came to Thailand from the UK, working initially as a Lecturer in Religious Studies in the Department of Humanities of the Social Science Faculty.

Also in 1985, he was appointed as a member of the original planning committee which set up the International Students' Degree Program (ISDP, the precursor of Mahidol University International College [MUIC]). ISDP opened in 1986 under the Directorship of Prof. Dr Serene Pibooniyom, and Dr Smith has been teaching in ISDP/MUIC since the College's inception. He served as Deputy-Director for Academic Affairs at MUIC from 1999 until early 2003 (the equivalent of academic dean), overseeing all aspects of academic development and functioning.

He established the MUIC Social Science Program in 1998, and served as its first Divisional Chairman and Program Director for fifteen years until his semi-retirement in 2013.

Up to now, Dr Smith has published five books and over 40 academic articles, chapters, encyclopaedia entries, and reviews. He also edited another two books and has served on the editorial boards of two academic journals. In recent years, he has been active in using the internet for educational purposes, and has produced over one hundred and twenty educational videos for You-tube.

In 1993, he was awarded Commander of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand, Third Class.

2. Personal Details, Education & Qualifications, Employment, Awards, and Referees:

2.2. Personal details:

Full name & title:

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Peter Rodney Peatfield Smith.

Nationality: British.

Residence: Has lived in Bangkok since 1985. Has Resident status in Thailand.

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Languages: Native English speaker.

2.3. Qualifications:

- 1983 Ph.D., University of Lancaster, England (Subject field: Sociology of Religion).
- 1973 B.Ed. with Honours (Upper Second), University of Bristol, England (Subject field: Geography).
- 1972 Certificate of Education, with distinction in Geography, University of Bristol.

2.4. Employment:

1986- Lecturer and administrator in Mahidol University International College (MUIC). [Initially known as International Students' Degree Program, the pioneer English-medium undergraduate program at a leading Thai government university]. Full-time up to September 2014; thereafter part-time.

Work at MUIC comprised three overlapping jobs:

1. *Lecturer in Social Science and History*, 1986-Present.
2. *Divisional Chairman and Program Director of the MUIC Social Science Programs*, 1998-September 2013.
3. *Deputy-Director for Academic Affairs*, September 1999 - January 2003.

Since reaching retirement age in 2014:

1. *Special Advisor for Academic Affairs*.
2. *Part-time lecturer in Social Science and History*.

1985 - 1986/8 Lecturer in Religious Studies in the Department of Humanities at Mahidol University (Full-time 1985-86; continued part-time, 1986-88).

2.5. Awards:

1993 Thai Royal Decoration -- Commander of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand, 3rd Class, 15 March BE 2536 (1993) – for services to the advancement of education in Thailand.

2.6. Referees: Available on request.

3. Peter Smith: Research, Teaching and Publications.

3.1. Research interests:

At the time of completing my Ph.D. in 1982, my research interests were in the fields of **Sociology of Religion, Baha’i Studies, Social Movements and Middle East Studies**, and most of my publications since that date have dealt with various aspects of the history and sociological study of the Baha’i religion.

Since working at Mahidol University International College (1986 onwards), my interests have shifted towards the **History of Social and Political Thought and Early 20th Century History**.

3.2. Taught Courses.

A. Introductory undergraduate courses:

1. *Introduction to Psychology*.
2. *Introduction to Sociology*.
3. *Introduction to Social Psychology*.

B. Upper-level courses:

1. *Paradigms in the Social Science I* (A History of Social and Political Thought up to the late 19th Century).
2. *History and Systems of Psychology* [NB. Lecture summaries of many lectures available on my YouTube channel].
3. *Historiography*.
4. *Social Institutions*.
5. *Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing*
- 6-8. *World History A, c.1450-c.1763; B, c.1763-1914; C, c.1900-1945*. [A sequence of three courses].
9. *History of the Middle East since c.1789*.
10. *Sociology of Religion*.

3.3 Publications. Updated to March 2019

NB. All accents on Hungarian and transliterated Persian and Arabic words omitted.

Ph. D. Dissertation

1982 A Sociological Study of the Babi and Baha'i Religions. University of Lancaster, Department of Sociology.

BOOKS

1986 (ed.) *In Iran: Studies in Babi and Baha'i History, Vol. 3.* Los Angeles: Kalimat Press.

1987 *The Babi and Baha'i Religions: From Messianic Shi'ism to a World Religion.* Cambridge University Press. (Reissued, 2008).

1988 *The Baha'i Religion: A Short Introduction to its History and Teachings.* Oxford: George Ronald.

1989 *Rovid Bevezetes a Baha'i Vallas Tortentebe es Tanitasaiba.* A Hungarian translation of my *The Baha'i Religion: A Short Introduction to Its History and Teachings*, with a preface by Ervin Lazlo from the Club of Rome.

1996 *A Short History of the Baha'i Faith.* Oxford: Oneworld. (Second edition (1999) retitled: *The Baha'i Faith: A Short History*). [Portuguese translation in preparation].

1999 *A Concise Encyclopedia of the Baha'i Faith.* Oxford: Oneworld. (Second edition, 2002).

2004 (ed.) *Baha'is in the West: Studies in the Babi and Baha'i Religions, Vol. 14.* Los Angeles: Kalimat Press, 2004.

2008 *An Introduction to the Baha'i Faith.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

ARTICLES, CHAPTERS and REVIEWS

1978 'Motif research: Peter Berger and the Baha'i Faith'. *Religion* 8: 210-34.

1979 [1] 'Baha'i Studies, University of Lancaster, 7-8 April 1979'. *Bulletin of the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies*, vol. 6/2, pp. 119-23.

[2] 'Doctoral and Masters theses on Baha'i subjects (1923-77)'. *Bulletin of the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies*, vol. 6/2, pp. 129-30.

1981 [1] Review of H. M. Balyuzi, *Baha'u'llah: The King of Glory*. In *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 13: 369-70.

[2] Review of Mangol Bayat, *Mysticism and Dissent: Socioreligious Thought in Qajar Iran*. In *The Bulletin of the British Society for Middle East Studies (BRISMES)*.

1982 [1] 'Millenarianism in the Babi and Baha'i religions'. In *Millennialism and Charisma*, ed. Roy Wallis, pp. 231-83. Belfast: The Queen's University.

[2] 'The American Baha'i community, 1894-1917: A preliminary survey'. In *Studies in Babi and Baha'i History, Vol. 1*, ed. Moojan Momen, pp.85-223. Los Angeles: Kalimat Press.

[3] 'Additional doctoral and Masters' theses relating to Babi and Baha'i subjects'. *Bulletin of the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies*, vol. 9/1, pp. 89-90.

1984 [1] 'A note on Babi and Baha'i numbers in Iran'. *Iranian Studies* 17: 295-301.

[2] 'Reality magazine: Editorship and ownership of an American Baha'i periodical'. In *From Iran East and West: Studies in Babi and Baha'i History, Vol.2*, ed. Juan Cole and Moojan Momen, pp.135-55. Los Angeles: Kalimat Press.

1986 [1] 'Anglo-American religion and hegemonic change in the world system, c. 1870-1980'. *British Journal of Sociology* 37: 88-105.

[2] (With Moojan Momen) 'The Babi Movement: A resource mobilization perspective'. In *In Iran: Studies in Babi and Baha'i History, Vol. 3*, ed. P. Smith, pp. 33-92. Los Angeles: Kalimat Press.

1987 [1] 'Babism' and 'The Baha'i Faith'. In *The Encyclopedia of World Faiths*, ed. Peter Bishop and Michael Darton, pp. 173-76, 185, London, Macdonald.

[2] Review of Daniel E. Foss and Ralph Larkin, *Beyond Revolution: A New Theory of Social Movements*. In *British Journal of Sociology*, 38: 483.

1988 'Bahai Faith, iv. The Bahai communities'. In *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, loc., cit.

1989 [1] (with Moojan Momen) 'The Baha'i Faith, 1957-1988: A survey of contemporary developments'. *Religion*, 19: 63-91.

[2] Review of Sami Zubaida, *Islam, the People and the State. Essays on Political Ideas and Movements in the Middle East*. In *Sociology*.

1997 (i) 'Abdu'l-Baha', (ii) 'Azali Babis', (iii) 'Babis', (iv) 'Baha'i Faith', (v) 'Baha'u'llah', (vi) 'Shoghi Effendi Rabbani', and (vii) 'Universal House of Justice'. In *The Oxford Companion to Religions of the World*, ed. John Bowker and J. F. Coakley. Oxford University Press, loc.cit.

2004 'The Baha'i Faith in the West: A Survey'. In Peter Smith (ed.), *Baha'is in the West: Studies in the Babi and Baha'i Religions, Vol. 14*, pp.3-60. Los Angeles: Kalimat Press.

2005 [1] 'Shoghi Effendi's letters to the Baha'is of India and Burma during the 1920s'. *Baha'i Studies Review* 13: 15-40.

[2] Review of Robert Gleave (ed.) *Religion and Society in Qajar Iran*. In *Baha'i Studies Review* 13: 130-135.

2006 (With Moojan Momen) 'Babi martyrs'. *Encyclopaedia Iranica*.

2007 [1] 'The global distribution of Baha'is in the 1920s'. *Baha'i Studies Review*, vol. 14, pp. 107-20.

[2] Review of William Garlington. *The Baha'i Faith in America* (Praeger, 2005). In *Baha'i Studies Review*, vol. 14, pp. 145-49.

2009 [1] 'The global distribution of Baha'is in the 1930s'. *Baha'i Studies Review*, vol. 15, pp. 115-32.

[2] 'Baha'is'. In Graham Harvey (ed.) *Religions in Focus: New Approaches to Tradition and Contemporary Practices*. London: Equinox.

[3] Review of *The Equality of Women and Men: The Experience of the Baha'i Community of Canada*, by Deborah K. van den Hoonaard and Will C. van den Hoonaard (2006). *Baha'i Studies Review*, vol. 15, pp. 161-62.

[4] Review of *The Baha'is of Iran: Socio-Historical Studies*, by Dominic Parviz Brookshaw and Seena B. Fazel (eds.) (2008). *Baha'i Studies Review*, vol. 15, pp. 164-70.

2010 'The global distribution of Baha'is in the 1940s'. *Baha'i Studies Review* 16, pp. 135-53.

2011 [1] (With William Collins) 'Babi and Baha'i millennialism'. In Catherine Wessinger (ed.) *Oxford Handbook on Millennialism*. Oxford University Press, pp. 474-91.

[2] 'Shoghi Effendi's letters to the Baha'is of India and Burma during the 1930s'. *Baha'i Studies Review* 17, pp. 47-86.

[3] 'Women in the Baha'i Faith'. *Encyclopedia Iranica*.

2012 [1] 'Ranking and the globalization of higher education'. *Silpakorn University Journal of Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts* 12/2, pp. 35-69.

[2] 'The Baha'i Faith'. Helmut K. Anheier and Mark Juergensmeyer (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Global Studies*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

[3] 'Islam-related movements'. Helmut K. Anheier and Mark Juergensmeyer (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Global Studies*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

2013 'Shoghi Effendi and the Baha'is of Australia and New Zealand, 1922-1937'. *Baha'i Studies Review*. Volume 19, pp. 69-96 (2013). DOI: 10.1386/bsr.19.69/1 [Actual publication date: June 2017].

2014 [1] 'Shoghi Effendi as 'Abdu'l-Baha's Secretary, 1918-20'. *Baha'i Studies Review*. Volume 20, pp. 39-49. DOI: 10.1386/bsr.20.1.39_1 [Actual publication date January 2018].

[2] 'Published English-language letters of Shoghi Effendi during the 1920s'. *Baha'i Studies Review*. Volume 20 (2014), pp. 139-147. DOI: 10.1386/bsr.20.1.139_7 [Actual publication date January 2018].

2015 [1] 'The Baha'i Faith: Distribution Statistics, 1925–1949'. *Journal of Religious History*. Volume 39, Issue 3, pp. 352-369 (September 2015). Version of Record online: 26 Nov 2014. DOI: 10.1111/1467-9809.12207.

[2] 'Baha'i Faith'. In *Religion in Southeast Asia: An Encyclopedia of Faiths and Culture*, ed. Jesudas M. Athyal. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, pp. 15-17.

2016 'Babi–Baha'i Expansion and “Geo-Cultural Breakthroughs”'. *Journal of Religious History*. Volume 40, Issue 2, pp. 225–236 (June 2016). Version of record online: 8 July 2015. DOI: [10.1111/1467-9809.12280](https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-9809.12280).

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Forthcoming:

'Shoghi Effendi and the Early Development of Baha'i Administration in North America, 1922-1927'. *Baha'i Studies Review*.

Work in preparation:

1. 'An Overview of the Geographical Diffusion of the Baha'i Faith'. Routledge's *The World of the Bahá'í Faith: The First Two Centuries*, ed. Robert Stockman.

2. 'The growth of the Baha'i Faith in Southeast Asia'. Routledge's *The World of the Bahá'í Faith: The First Two Centuries*, ed. Robert Stockman.

Webinar:

'Recruitment and Organization in the Bábí and Early Baha'i Movements. Produced for the Wilmette Institute of Illinois, and published on YouTube, 17 March 2019, at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUG-qpyPYS0&t=13s>.

Other academic work:

2012-2015 131 YouTube videos published on my YouTube channel. Although not continued after 2015 due to lack of time, the videos continue to attract an audience (1,640 subscribers 419,376 views by <arch 2019).

Selected electronic publications:

1. 'The routinization of charisma? Some comments on "*Motif messianique et processus social dans le Bahaisme*". On line at <http://www.h-net.org/~bahai/bhpapers.vol2/motif.htm>. [Occasional papers in Shaykhi, Babi and Baha'i Studies, vol 2, no. 6 (1998)].

2. 'Baha'i Faith'. World Religions and Spirituality Project. <https://wrdrels.org/2016/10/08/bahai-faith/>