



`Irfán Colloquium
One-Hundred-and-Ninth Session
May 16 – 20, 2012

Wednesday May 16, 2012

4: 00PM – Registration

6: 00PM – Dinner

7: 30PM – 8:15 PM

Opening Prayers

Word of Welcome

School Administrator

Welcoming Remarks

Sholeh Quinn (English Program Coordinator)

Soheila Afnani / Bahia Farahi (Persian Program Coordinators)

Introducing Participants

8:15 – 9:00 PM

`Irfán Colloquium

Iraj Ayman

9:00 – 9:30 PM

Bazm-i-`Irfán

*(English Language Sessions will be held at Seminar Room 1,
and Persian Language Sessions at Martha Root Hall)*

9:30 – 10:30 PM

Open Dialogue

10:30 - 11:00 PM

Bookshop Café

Thursday, May 17, 2012

7:30 -8:00 AM

Mashriqu'l-Adhkár

Martha Root Hall

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 AM

Opening Prayer and Announcements

9:15 – 10:00 AM

Ethics Based on Science Alone?

Ian Kluge

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Discussion

10:30– 11:00 AM

Break

11:00 – 11:15

Musical Performance

11:15 - 12:00 AM

**Exploring and Comparing the Concept of
Value --Economic, Social and
Spiritual Viewpoints**

Farhad Sabetan

12:00 – 12:30

Discussion

12:30 – 002:00 PM

Lunch

02:00 – 03:00

Rest, Bookshop, Recreation

03:00 –03: 40 PM

Understanding Reality:

Bahá'u'lláh's "Four States" of Man

Wolfgang Klebel

03:40 – 04:10 PM

Discussion

04:10 – 04:40

Break

04:40 – 05:00 PM

Musical Performance

05:00 – 05:40 PM

Life Lessons from `Abdu'l-Bahá:

Vision of a Bahá'í Community

Faris Badii

05:40 -- 06:00

Discussion

06:00 - 07:30 PM

Dinner

07:30 – 08:20 PM

Bazm-e `Irfán

08:20 – 09:00 PM

**The Organic Function of Prophecy
in Bahá'í Context**

James Thomas

09:00—09:30 PM

Discussion
09:30– 10:30 PM
Open Dialogue
10:30 - 11:00 PM
Bookshop Café

Friday, May 18, 2012

7:30 -8:00 AM
Mashriqu'l-Adhkár
Martha Root Hall
8:00 – 9:00 AM
Breakfast
9:15 – 10:00 AM
**Role of Principles in the Bahá'í Faith –
Principles & Fashion**
Farjam Majd
10:00 – 10:30 AM
Discussion
10:30– 11:00 AM
Break
11:00 – 11:15
Musical Performance
11:15 - 12:00 AM
**`Abdu'l-Bahá's First Public Talk
in America**
Faris Badii
12:00 – 12:30
Discussion
12:30 – 002:00 PM
Lunch
02:00 – 03:00
Rest, Bookshop, Recreation
03:00 –03: 40 PM
**The Dao of Bahá: Laozi and
the Bahá'í Faith.**
Roland Faber
03:40 – 04:10 PM
Discussion
04:10 – 04:40 PM
Break
04:40 – 05:00 PM
Musical Performance
05:00 – 05:40 PM
Reason and the Bahá'í Writings
Ian Kluge

05:40 -- 06:00 PM
Discussion 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Dinner

7:30 – 8:30 PM

Open Dialogue Session

08:30 – 09:30 PM

Bazm-e `Irfán

09:30 – 10:30 PM

`Abdu'l-Bahá's Visit to North America:

An Illustrated Story

Hussein Ahdieh

10:30 – 11:00 PM

Bookshop Café

Saturday, May 19, 2012

7:30 -8:00 AM

Mashriqu'l-Adhkár

Martha Root Hall

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 AM

Opening Prayer and Announcements

9:15 – 10:00 AM

9:15 – 10:00 AM

**An overview of the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá
Concerning Iranian Constitutional Movement**

Mina Yazdani

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Discussion

10:30– 11:00 AM

Break

11:15 - 12:00 AM

**Ridwan Concept Renewed:
The Islamic background and
Bābī-Bahā'ī dimensions**

Stephen Lambden

12:00 – 12:30

Discussion

12:30 – 002:00 PM

Lunch

02:00 – 03:00

Rest, Bookshop, Recreation

03:00 –03: 40 PM

The Báb's Sahifa-yi 'Adliyya

Sholeh Quinn
03:40 – 04:10 PM

Discussion

04:10 – 04:40

Break

04:40 – 05:00 PM

Musical Performance

05:00 – 05:40 PM

**Women's poetry in early Qajar Iran:
Some context to Táhirih's poetry**

Dominic Parviz Brookshaw

05:40 – 06:00 PM

Discussion

06:00 - 07:30 PM

Dinner

7:30 – 9:00 PM

Bazm-e `Irfán

09:00 – 09:40 PM

**`Abdu'l-Bahá's America:
A retrospective glimpse of
the socio-cultural, religious, political and
economic milieu of 1912**

Ramin Neshati

09:40 -- 10:10 PM

Discussion

10:10—11:00

Open Dialogue/ Bookshop Café

Sunday, May 20, 2012

7:30 -8:00 AM

Mashriqu'l-Adhkár

Martha Root Hall

8:00 – 8:50 AM

Breakfast

8:50 - 9:00 AM

Opening Prayer and Announcements

9:00 – 10:00

Shí'í and Bábí-Bahá'í Imamology

Stephen Lambden

10:00 - 10:30 AM

Break

10:30 - 11:30 AM

**The Synopsis of Share Concepts and
Themes in the Persian Bayan and**

the Kitáb-i- Iqán

Habib Riazati

12:00 PM

Lunch

Afternoon

Program Ends

Program Coordinator

Sholeh Quinn