



University Graduate Seminar Announcement – 2023

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, scheduled to be held at the Yerrinbool Bahá'í Centre of Learning in New South Wales, from **27 December 2023** to **7 January 2024**. 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 an educational and research organization—founded in 1999 in association with the Bahá'í International Community—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 **1 August 2023**, 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 later in the year, will cover printed materials used at the seminar, lodging, and three meals per day.

Prerequisites for the seminar:

- Completion of a bachelor's degree prior to attending the seminar.
- 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.

Additionally, although not a requirement for the seminar, participants may wish to take part in a series of courses entitled *Contributing to the Advancement of Civilization: Towards a Framework* to have an opportunity to explore some of the concepts addressed during the seminar. The study of these courses is offered online by the LazosLearning Association—further details can be obtained at www.lazoslearning.org.