



University Graduate Seminar Announcement – 2017

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 North America, to be held at the **Louhelen Bahá'í School** in Davison, Michigan from **July 6 to 18, 2017**. 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 must be received by **January 31, 2017**, after which they will not be considered. The seminar application form can be accessed at the following URL: <https://goo.gl/forms/rVRq3x0TSnoYqN7n1>. Participants will be asked to meet their own transportation costs for the seminar. In addition, a fee of US\$540, 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: Towards a Framework, Unit 1*** (CACTF – Unit 1) before the start of the seminar. CACTF (formerly CCFSA) is offered online and administered by the Lazos Learning Association. Detailed information is available on their website (www.lazoslearning.org). The application deadline for the last intake of CACTF – Unit 1 that would fulfill the graduate seminar prerequisite requirement is **February 28, 2017**. Applicants who are accepted for the ISGP seminar, but have not previously completed the online course through Lazos, must complete it before July to be eligible to attend the seminar at Louhelen. *Unlike previous years, there will no longer be a separate offering of the course specifically for seminar applicants. Questions about CACTF should be directed to Lazos Learning.*
- (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.