INSTITUTE FOR STUDIES IN GLOBAL PROSPERITY

University Graduate Seminar Announcement – 2025

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 Canada, scheduled to be held at **Bethany Bahá'í Centre of Learning in Kawartha Lakes, Ontario**, from **28 June to 9 July 2025**. 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. Although welcome to apply, very recent graduates may find it beneficial to gain some experience related to their field of work or study before taking part in the seminar.

Applications can be sent to graduate@isgp.ca and must be received by **30 May 2025**. Participants are asked to meet their own transportation costs for the seminar. In addition, a fee of CAD$775, 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:

- 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 in advance.
- Participation in an orientation call to learn more about the seminar and discuss the background readings together as a group.

Additionally, participants may be interested in a course offered by the Foundation for the Application and Teaching of Science (FUNDAEC). The course, titled "Contributing to the Advancement of Civilization: Towards a Framework, Unit 1: Justice and the Oneness of Humankind," explores some of the concepts that are addressed in the graduate seminar and complements participation in the seminar. Please note that the

FUNDAEC course is not a requirement for the graduate seminar and is offered online by FUNDAEC. Further details can be obtained at: www.fundaec.org/en/cursos/.