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Il corso è erogato dalla Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
e attivato in didattica a distanza.

Il link di collegamento sarà inviato ai partecipanti a ridosso delle lezioni.

*NB: Al termine del corso sarà richiesta l'elaborazione  
di un - breve - paper in italiano o in inglese*

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Corso accreditato per l'aggiornamento docenti

# MAJOR THEMES IN THE HISTORY AND TEXTS OF THE BAHÀ'Í FAITH

Online course for the second year of the Bahá'í Studies program  
for the academic year 2022-2023  
(course number: 38325 - Hebrew University of Jerusalem)



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# Calendar and Program

**8/11/22 - Dr. Moojan Momen**

## **The Life of the Bāb**

A general introduction to the life of the Bāb, with a focus on how the Bāb dealt with the messianic expectations of his milieu (in particular the expectation that the advent of the Mahdi meant violence and a war against evil).

**15/11/22 - Dr. Moojan Momen**

## **The Life of Bahā'u'llāh**

A general introduction to the life of Bahā'u'llāh, with a focus on the controversy with Mirza Yahya Azal.

**29/11/22 - Dr. Joshua Lincoln**

## **The Life of 'Abdu'l-Bahā**

A general introduction to the life of 'Abdu'l-Bahā, with a focus on the regional and social context.

**13/12/22 - Dr. Moojan Momen**

## **The Life of Shoghi Effendi**

A general introduction to the life of Shoghi Effendi, with a focus on the globalization of the Bahā'i Faith during the period of his ministry

**27/12/22 - Dr. Sasha Dehghani**

## **The Martyr-Messiah: Three Works in the Ministry of the Bāb**

A general introduction to the writings of the Bāb, with a focus on selected passages from the *Qayyūm al-Asmā*, the *Persian Bayān* and *Dalā'il Sabih*.

**10/01/23 - Dr. Sasha Dehghani**

## **From Sunrise to Sunset: Bahā'u'llāh and a Twofold Moral Purpose**

A general introduction to the writings of Bahā'u'llāh, with a focus on themes of individual spiritual transformation and collective social development, including passages from the *Seven Valleys*, the *Kitāb-i-Iqān*, the *Kitāb-i-Aqdas*, the *lawh-i-Hikmat* and the *Kitāb-i-'Ahd*.

**24/1/23 - Dr. Sasha Dehghani**

## **The Ministry of the Mystery: Religion and Reform**

A general introduction to the writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahā, with a focus on selected passages from *The Secret of Divine Civilization*, *Some Answered Questions*, *Tablets of Divine Plan* and 'Abdu'l-Bahā's Will and Testament.

**14/3/23 - Dr. Sasha Dehghani**

## **Shoghi Effendi and The Formative Age**

A general introduction to the writings of Shoghi Effendi, with a focus on selected passages from the *World Order Letters*, *God Passes By*, and *The Promised Day is Come*.

**28/3/23 - Prof. Hoda Mahmoudi - 18/4/23 Prof. Hoda Mahmoudi**

## **The Spiritual Struggle for Global Peace**

Through a careful exposition of the Bahā'i concept of peace, 'Abdu'l-Bahā details how world leaders have chosen a narrowly focused political approach to peace. He explains that such an approach is insufficient, and that in order to build a lasting peace humanity must join together to eradicate the manifold barriers to peace wherever they occur.

**2/5/23 - Dr. Necati Alkan**

## **The Bābi and Bahā'i Religions in the Ottoman Empire**

This session will provide the historical context for the genesis of the Bābi and Bahā'i Religions and their development in the Ottoman Empire. The session will be mainly based on the analysis of documents at the Ottoman Archives in Istanbul and other Ottoman Turkish sources.

**16/5/23 - Dr. Necati Alkan**

## **'Abdu'l-Bahā and Ottoman Reformers**

Bahā'u'llāh, and his son and successor 'Abdu'l-Bahā were in contact with Ottoman reformers from the 1860s onwards. With a claim to a new religious dispensation, Bahā'u'llāh, calling himself a "World Reformer," composed many writings stressing not only the spiritual regeneration and advancement of humanity but also material progress.

**30/5/23 - Prof. Meir Bar-Asher/panel - Course conclusion**