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BIG IDEAS: THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH AND THE ISSUES OF OUR TIME

Please join us for a series of talks addressing some of humanity's shared challenges and opportunities as we work to advance an emerging global civilization. This series brings together current research, experience, contemporary discourses and Baha'i perspectives. Please publicize widely.

"Be anxiously concerned with the needs of the age ye live in and its exigencies and requirements."

~ *Baha'i Writings*

Friday, December 3, 2021, 7:30pm EST

Justice, Unity, and the Path to World Order: Reflections on the United Nations, the Bahá'í International Community, and Human Rights

With Michael Sabet

In recognition of International Human Rights Day, this presentation will first explore the origins, development, and historical significance of the United Nations, with a focus on the participation of the Bahá'í International Community, drawing on Julia Berger's recent work, *Rethinking Religion and Politics in a Plural World: the Bahá'í International Community and the United Nations*. This will ground an exploration of the international human rights framework from a Bahá'í perspective, focusing on the strengths and limitations of the framework's substantive and procedural aspects, and how Bahá'u'lláh's vision for the progress of human civilization might help guide future developments.

About Michael: Michael Sabet has a background in law, having clerked at the Supreme Court of Canada before working as a litigator in constitutional and administrative law in Ottawa, with a focus on human rights and indigenous rights. He is now pursuing a PhD in Political Science at the University of Toronto, building on his Master's research into non-adversarial forms of democracy. He currently serves as the Editor of the *Journal of Bahá'í Studies*.