

# BIG IDEAS

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### 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.

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

~ *Baha'i Writings*



**Friday, Oct. 14, 2022, 7:30 EDT**

## What type of education will help us build a global civilization?

**With Dr. Thomas Ponniah**

Over the past six years we have watched far-right, anti-globalist, political parties and leaders become mainstream conservative leaders. There are numerous political and economic policies and approaches for confronting the current form of anti-globalism but in this presentation Dr. Ponniah will discuss how education can move individuals and society towards a more inclusive planetary vision. He will compare the classical conception of education with the current one and propose a third possibility that is more in line with Baha'i principles.

**About Dr. Ponniah:** Dr. Thomas Ponniah was a full-time Lecturer on Social Studies at Harvard University (2003-2011) and is currently a Summer Lecturer at Harvard (2006 onwards) and a Professor of Philosophy and Politics in the School of Liberal Arts at George Brown College in Toronto (2011-onwards). He has received thirteen Certificates of Teaching Distinction and Excellence.

Dr. Ponniah has been a Baha'i for 24 years. Since the birth of his daughter 97 weeks ago he has written a popular weekly Fatherhood post on Facebook outlining his experience of life as a parent.

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