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Place: The Grace Room, The Cornerstone Campus, Liverpool Hope University, Everton (*Junction between Islington & Shaw Street*)

Time: 7.30 p.m.

Date: the second Wednesday of each month with the exception of the first lecture and breaks for holidays

2010 Schedule

February 17th	Introduction to Series	Professor Ron Geaves
March 10th	The Baha'i Faith	Mr Darren Smith
May 12th	Buddhism	Dr Robert Bluck
June 9th	Christianity	Dr David Torevell
September 8th	Jainism	Dr Atul Keshavji Shah
October 13th	Hinduism	Ms Anuradha Dooney
November 10th	Judaism	Mr Clive Lawton
December 8th	Islam	Dr Shuruq Naguib

2011 Schedule

January 12th	Sikh	Ms Gopinder Kaur Sagoo
February 9th	Zoroastrianism	Dr Shahin Bekhradnia
March 9th	Summing Up	Dr Elizabeth Harris

Dr Shahin Bekhradnia's post graduate research at Oxford University was on Identity and Change in the 20th Century among Iranian Zoroastrians. She has lectured regularly on various aspects of Zoroastrianism, published articles, contributed to a number of Inter Faith publications and has also participated in TV and radio programmes. She is on the Executive Committee of the World Zoroastrian Organisation (WZO) and is their Religious Affairs Spokesperson.

Dr Robert Bluck has taught world religions for twelve years as an Associate Lecturer at the Open University. His recent book *British Buddhism* (Routledge) is based on doctoral research into seven traditions in the UK. He has been a Buddhist practitioner for nearly forty years, mainly in the Theravāda and Zen traditions.

Anuradha Dooney has been a Vaishnava Hindu for 22 years. She has led retreats, and developed and taught courses in Hindu tradition in Europe, Russia and India. Having received a Masters degree from the University of Oxford, she now works as a tutor at the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies.

Professor Ron Geaves is Professor of the Comparative Study of Religion in the Department of Theology, Philosophy and Religious Studies at Liverpool Hope University. He is a specialist in contemporary Islam, Hinduism and Sikhism, and Chair of The Muslims in Britain Research Network.

Dr Elizabeth Harris is a Senior Lecturer in the Comparative Study of Religion in the Department of Theology, Philosophy and Religious Studies at Liverpool Hope University. She is President of the European Network of Buddhist-Christian Studies and specialises in Buddhist Studies, and inter faith relations.

Dr. Atul Keshavji Shah has a PhD from London School of Economics and is Founder and Chief Executive of Diverse Ethics Ltd – a leadership consultancy in ethics, faith and diversity. He founded 'Young Jains' and was founding editor of *Jain Spirit* global magazine.

Clive Lawton was Head of King David High School in Liverpool and Deputy Director of Liverpool LEA. He is now Senior Consultant to Limmud, (the largest Jewish adult educational organisation in the world, of which he was a co-founder in 1980,) and scholar-in-residence at the London Jewish Cultural Centre.