



Invitation – Save the Date Goetheanum World Conference 27.9. – 1.10.2023

Reshaping a World Movement

How can the work of Anthroposophy be renewed and strengthened in a rapidly changing world? After more than 100 years of existence, what are its next steps? How can we take the experiences, challenges and achievements of the Anthroposophical Movement, Society and School of Spiritual Science into the future? Together we want to reshape the world movement that emerged from Anthroposophy!

The Goetheanum World Conference is a transdisciplinary working conference at which the common challenges and questions of our time will be worked through, and artistic interventions, impulses for the future and encounters will be given space. A central question is: How will the cooperation and the further development on the substantive, social and financial level in the organizations be shaped?

We invite you as leaders and co-creators inspired by Anthroposophy:

We look forward to hearing different perspectives and questions from your Anthroposophical work and are interested in your ideas and viewpoints on how the movement can progress, given the challenges and needs of our time.

What do we intend to do, and why?

Together we aim to realize an Anthroposophically inspired world movement in which the participants experience themselves as active creators, exploring new horizons! We are looking for perspectives and steps for the future through Anthroposophy, taking into account the dramatic circumstances and current situation in the world.

Global society has reached a turning point. All previously supporting points of reference seem to be disappearing. In many areas of life and increasingly also in the western industrial nations, states of emergency are occurring, making it more and more difficult for individuals and society to understand, orient themselves and act in the world.

In the midst of these events we celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Anthroposophical Society as the home of the School of Spiritual Science at Christmas 1923. With this turning point, Rudolf Steiner sought to address both the situation within the Anthroposophical Society and in the world at large. We will hold the Goetheanum World Conference 2023 in light of this anniversary and in the context of the present world situation, seeking ways in which we as an Anthroposophical movement can make new contributions. Our impression is that after a hundred years both the world society and the Anthroposophical movement need renewal and indeed new impulses. For this we wish for fresh winds and open hearts!

Our present work lives in the area of tension between ossification, a persistence in old forms, and dilution, in which the substance increasingly threatens to disappear. The pioneering projects and communities in which Anthroposophy has developed over decades can disintegrate by clinging to old ways of doing things and habits of life – both in their inner strength and in their outer structures. Similarly, in many Anthroposophical organizations such as schools, banks, businesses, etc. processes of thinning and loss of spiritual substance can be observed.

But what is our common understanding of Anthroposophy and its current task in the present and future? This concerns both the further development of spiritual science and its fruitful realization in our spheres of work. How can we find a common understanding and language in the communication of Anthroposophy that connects different currents and approaches? How do we overcome tendencies of ossification and dilution in the effort to shape a world movement that can contribute significantly to the challenges and needs of our time? Where we have often remained separate from

each other, let us seek to create alliances and collaborations with people and organizations that have similar goals. Where we have grown apart, we will try to break down prejudices and renew encounters in an open-hearted way.

We warmly invite you to join us in September 2023 at the Goetheanum in Switzerland so we can shape the future together!

On behalf of the Goetheanum Leadership and the Executive Council,
The preparatory team: Christiane Haid, Ueli Hurter, Constanza Kaliks, Johannes Kronenberg and in collaboration with the World Goetheanum Association, Andrea Valdinoci

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Schedule

September 2022 > Save the Date

December 2022 > Registration opens

March 2023 > Program and registration for the forums

June 2023 > Goetheanum World Conference Reader with preparatory content

September 2023 > Goetheanum World Conference!

What is the intention of the Goetheanum World Conference?

The Goetheanum World Conference is an event that follows on from the 2016 World Conference and brings together people, institutions and organizations working from Anthroposophy. The Goetheanum - School of Spiritual Science, the General Anthroposophical Society, the World Goetheanum Association and other partners are hosting this event.

This future-oriented conference is connected to the commemorative events that will take place at the Goetheanum between 2022 and 2025:

- The First Goetheanum as a Gesamtkunstwerk and The Burning of the First Goetheanum, New Year's Eve 2022, Conference (Dec. 27, 2022 – Jan. 1, 2023).
- Goetheanum World Conference 2023 (Sept. 27, 2023 - Oct. 1, 2023)
- Conference to commemorate the Christmas Conference 1923/1924 - 2023/2024 (Dec. 27, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024)
- 100 years after Rudolf Steiner's death (30.03.2025)