Human being, become essential; for, when this world is gone, thus coincidence is past, the essence still lives on. — Angelus Silesius (1624–1677)

Learning from Death
Fifth Conference concerning Death
from November 27 to 29, 2015

Artistic groups and conversation groups

1. Cordelia Böttcher
   Conversation (German)

2. Päivi Lappalainen
   Conversation (German)

3. Joan Sleigh
   Conversation (English)

4. Clara Steinemann
   Conversation (German)

5. Beatrice Schüpbach
   Conversation and Eurythmy (German)

6. Regula Utzinger
   Music (German)

7. Gia van den Akker
   Eurythmy (German and English)

8. Erdmuthe Worel
   Eurythmy (German)

9. Thorwald Thiertsch
   Deciphering of the windows in the Great Hall (German)

10. Marianne Schubert and Dorothea Templeton
    Artistic reflection (German and English)

11. Christian Hitsch
    Clay modelling (German and English)

12. Annemarie Geiger
    Storytelling (German)

13. Agnes Zehnter
    Speech formation (German)

Registration for the various groups will be at the information desk.
Dear Friends,

Often, after the death of a person, we hear the phrase that “he was called out of time into eternity”. This rather outdated wording contains a true quintessence. Because, entering the path of life onto earth means that we will incarnate into space and time. From eternity we carry our life plan which is woven from the fruits of our past lives. We are the architects of our lives and we will always encounter our deeds, thoughts and feelings from our former lives. The threshold of death changes the inside to the outside, the past biography turns into the landscape of the spiritual world. Death reveals the true values of the life just ended. We can attempt to listen to the whispering of eternity, to the reality of the spirit, to sense these. Then each personal encounter, each deed can be a step on the path of recognizing the spiritual life beyond the threshold of death. Death can become a mirror for us in which we can begin to sense the true meaning of life. Departed friends can send a breath of eternity into the world of space and time. In prayer and meditation we can approach the wisdom in the sphere beyond space and time.

In this conference we want to attempt to connect ourselves with this breath of eternity by understanding, learning, and practising situations at the threshold of death. Everyone interested in these themes is warmly invited to participate without previous knowledge.

For the Goetheanum Leadership

For the organizing team

Dr. Virginia Sease  Joan Sleigh  Päivi Lappalainen

Participants in the Fifth Conference on a Culture of Death

GIA VAN DEN AREK Erurhythmist and teacher in various schools in Hol-land and Germany  KIM BARTLETT Mezzo-soprano and music teacher  DR. CORRADO BERTOTTO Assistant medical director of the oncological outpatient hospital of the Clinic Arlesheim, Switzerland  CORDELIA BUTTCHER Priest of the Christian Community and carries a wealth of experience from accompanying dying and mourning persons  FAUST QUARTET exists of the musicians Simone Rogge, Violin; Annina Wohlr, Violin; Ada Meinch, Viola; Birgit Böhme, Cello  ANNEMARIE GEIGER Storyteller and the wife and co-worker of the deceased storyteller Rudolf Geiger  STEFAN HASLER Eurythmist and musician; as of 2015 Leader of the Section for Eurythmy, Speech and Music at the Goetheanum  ROLF HERZOG Priest of the Christian Community in Basel, Switzerland  CHRISTIAN HITSCH Sculptor, architect and former Leader of the Section for Visual Arts of the School for Spiritual Science at the Goethe-anum  HARTWIG JOERGES Pianist and musical accompanist of the Goetheanum Eurythmy Stage  PÆVI LAPPALAINEN is interested in questions concerning death and accompanies and advises people at the end of their lives  MARGRET SOLSTAD Eurythmist and Leader of the Goetheanum Eurythmy Stage  BEATRICE SCHÜPBACH Eurythmist and curative eurythmist in Dornach, Switzerland  MARIANNE SCHUBERT Leader of the Section for Visual Arts of the School for Spiritual Science at the Goetheanum  DR. VIRGINIA SEASE emerita member of the Executive Council of the General Anthroposophical Society at the Goetheanum  DR. PETER SELG Psychiatrist and professor for medical anthropology at the Al anus School for Art and Society (Alfter, Bonn/Germany). Leader of the Ita Wegman Institute for anthroposophical basic research in Arlesheim, Switzerland  JOAN SLEIGH Member of the Executive Council of the General Anthroposophical Society at the Goetheanum  CLARA STEINEMANN Waldorf Kindergarten teacher and member of the Council of the Anthroposophical Society in Switzerland  DOROTHEA TEMPLETON Eurythmist, musician and painter, works as a freelance artist in Dornach, Switzerland  THORWALD THIERSCH belongs to the freelance staff of the Section for Visual Arts at the Goetheanum  ERDMUTH WOREL Curative eurythmist at the Clinik Arlesheim, Switzerland  REGULA UTTINGER Musician and musical therapist at the Clinic Arlesheim, Switzerland  AGNES ZEHNDER Teacher of speech formation and speech pedagogy at the anthroposophical academy for therapy and art “Am Wort” in Dornach, Switzerland

For more information, please visit our website: www.goetheanum.org/6053.html.
Introduction – Friday, November 27, 2015

4.00 p.m. Welcome to the participants and introduction of the group leaders
   by Päivi Lappalainen
   “What can we offer the person at the threshold of death?”
   Becoming acquainted with various possibilities and practical experiences

6.30 p.m. Supper

Friday, November 27, 2015

8.00 p.m. Conference Opening and Words of Welcome
   by Dr. Virginia Sease
   Pater Noster according to the indications of Rudolf Steiner and Tatiana Kisseleff
   Eurythmic prelude by Stefan Hasler
   Learning from Death
   Lecture by Dr. Peter Selg

Saturday, November 28, 2015

9.00 a.m. Eurythmic prelude by Stefan Hasler
   Suffering and Pain in our Biography
   Lecture by Dr. Corrado Bertotto

11.30 a.m. Artistic groups and conversation groups

12.30 p.m. Lunch

3.00 p.m. The Pink Window in the Great Hall
   Artistic deciphering with Thorwald Thiersch

3.30 p.m. Artistic groups and conversation groups

4.30 p.m. Coffee break

5.00 p.m. Eurythmic prelude by Stefan Hasler
   Moments of Dying and the Entrance of Death
   Lecture by Rolf Herzog

6.30 p.m. Supper

8.00 p.m. Concert
   Death and the Maiden String Quartet No. 14
   by Franz Schubert
   Performance by Faust Quartet
   Songs on the Death of Children Song cycle
   by Gustav Mahler
   Kim Bartlett, mezzo-soprano; Hartwig Joerges, piano

Sunday, November 29, 2015

9.00 a.m. Artistic groups and conversation groups

10.30 a.m. Coffee break

11.00 a.m. Eurythmic prelude by Stefan Hasler
   Meditation and Prayer for the Deceased and the Bereaved
   Lecture by Dr. Virginia Sease

12.00 noon Concluding words
   by Joan Sleigh

12.30 p.m. Eurythmic Conference Conclusion
   by Margrethe Solstad and Stefan Hasler
   End of conference

3.00 p.m. Festive Commemoration for the Deceased
   Musical prelude, Festive address, Eurythmy
General Information

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Conference of the General Anthroposophical Society
at the Goetheanum from Friday, 27 to Sunday, 29 November 2015
Booking closes: Friday, 13 November 2015

Conference fees: regular price: CHF 140 with meals: CHF 190
concessions¹: CHF 100 with meals: CHF 150

Conference meals
Conference meals (vegetarian with dessert) include 1x lunch and 1x evening meal (28.11.2015) at CHF 50 in total. These meals cannot be booked separately. Breakfast (2x) can be booked separately at CHF 30. An evening meal on Friday, 27.11.2015 can be booked for 25 CHF. We regret that food intolerances cannot be catered for.

Parking permit
for the period of the conference: CHF 14 (not right next to the Goetheanum building).
Please display your disabled badge in your car.

Methods of payment/confirmation

Credit cards (all countries): The full amount will be charged to your credit card as soon as your booking has been processed. You will receive postal or email confirmation of your booking and payment.

Invoice Switzerland: Confirmation of booking and an invoice will be sent to you once your booking has been processed. Please note that we only send out invoices up until 10 days before the beginning of an event. After that, payment is only possible by credit card or on arrival.

Invoice Eurozone: Confirmation of booking and an invoice will be sent to you once your booking has been processed (Euro account). Please note that we only send out invoices up until 14 days before the beginning of an event. After that, payment is only possible by credit card or on arrival.

Other countries: Once your booking has been processed you will receive a confirmation by post or email. The amount due will either be charged to your credit card or you can pay on arrival. Bank transfers are not possible.

Please note that the conference fee must be paid before the conference starts.

Conference tickets: Tickets can be collected at Reception until half an hour before the conference starts, also if you pay on arrival. We accept cash (Euro and CHF), VISA, MasterCard, ec-direct and Postcard-Schweiz.

Cancellation: Bookings may be cancelled free of charge up to 14 days prior to the begin of the conference (13.11.2015, date of posting). After that, 50% of the conference fee will be charged. Meals, breakfast, parking permit and evening meal on 27.11.2015 may be cancelled free of charge up to 1 day prior to the begin of the conference (26.11.2015). Cancellation on the day when the conference begins or failure to attend are subject to a 100% invoice total. Substitutes will be accepted at no extra cost.

Cancellation insurance: Subject to a payment of 5% of total costs (CHF 10 minimum) full cancellation insurance can be taken out to cover illness (including dependent children and partner), job loss and force majeure. Cancellation insurance must be taken out prior to the closing date for applications. Please ask for our terms of insurance or visit www.goetheanum.org/6053.html.

Data processing: All data will be electronically recorded and filed.

Recommended accommodation

Prices are per person per night. Prices for accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

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phone +41 61 706 44 45, zimmer@goetheanum.ch
from CHF 75, about 5 min. walk to the Goetheanum
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Booking Form

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Please complete the booking form and mail, fax or email to:
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Please fill out in block capitals!

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I need translation into ☐ English

Conference ticket without meals
☐ CHF 140 (regular price) ☐ CHF 100 (concessions¹)

Conference ticket with meals (1x lunch, 1x evening meal, 28.11.2015)
☐ CHF 190 (regular price) ☐ CHF 150 (concessions¹)

Breakfast (2x)
☐ CHF 30

Evening meal 27.11.2015
☐ CHF 25

Registering for the artistic groups and conversation groups will be at the information desk at the beginning of the conference.

Parking at the Goetheanum ☐ Parking permit: CHF 14

Insurance
☐ Cancellation insurance (5% of the total costs, CHF 10 minimum)
See cancellation conditions in the General Information

Payment methods
☐ on invoice (only Switzerland and Euro zone)

Credit card (all countries) ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

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☐ I would like to receive the biannual programme of Goetheanum events (in German).

I agree to the terms of payment and cancellation.

Place, date, signature

¹ Concessions apply for students, schoolchildren, OAPs, the unemployed, those in training, military or civil service and people with disabilities who receive benefits. Proof of status has to be submitted with your booking form.

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