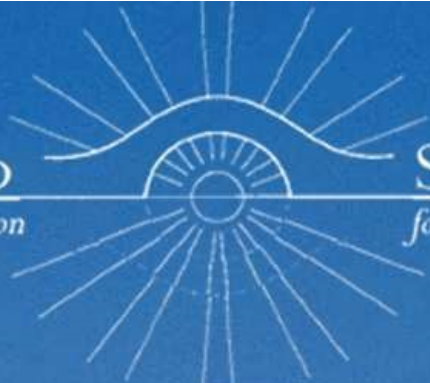


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THREEFOLD REALITY

THE KEYNOTE FOR REALISING AND UNDERSTANDING MAN AND THE WORLD



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INVITATION

In the area of tension caused by social change, many people are looking for new forms to live together and to organise society. Distressed by the crisis in Greece and the wave of refugees pouring into Europe, we decided last August to dedicate the next meeting of the Friends of Europe to Rudolf Steiner's suggestions for the Threefold Social Order.

Our inner experiences are in marked contrast with the economical and social facts surrounding us. Can we understand how this painful difference comes about? How can we overcome this tension?

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Slovenia lies on important crossroads, bringing together Northern and Southern, as well as Western and Eastern Europe. It is the western-most Slavic nation, with Italian, Austrian, Hungarian and Croatian neighbours. It would be difficult to find another nation that has forged its existence and identity on the meeting point of such diverging geological conditions, cultures and languages. In Tito's Yugoslavia, the Slovenians were co-funders of the Non-aligned movement, an attempt at an alternative between the East and the West. Now they find themselves just like the rest of Europe and the world, in front of completely new cultural, political and economic challenges. We think there could hardly be found a more appropriate place to reflect on the threefold social organism and to give an impuls for its realisation.

*Triglav (the Three-headed mountain) is a symbol of Slovenia.
Ljubljana's threefold bridge is waiting for us!*

We hope you will also come with your questions and contribute to a successful week!

On behalf of association Eurosophia and our Slovenian hosts,

*Olga Žerjal, Ira Zorko, Michael Kärcher, Slovenia
Michel Joseph, France; Vanessa Underwood, England,
Mirela Moga, Rumania/Belgium; Ursula Herzig, Germany
Wim and Marianne Veltman, Christian ter Veer, Netherlands*

Contributors

Willem F. Veltman, the Netherlands. 41 years teacher of French language in the Vrije School (Waldorf School) in The Hague. He held many lectures in the West, Central, South and East Europe based on Steiner's anthroposophy. He is the author of several books (about anthroposophy, education, art and other cultural subjects. Biography of Rudolf Steiner, Victor Hugo, and works about Dante, Goethe, Shakespeare).

Lecture: **Threefold Man** – another way of thinking

Sylvie Richterova, Czech Republic. Writer, anthroposophist, born in Brno, studied in Prague and Rome, taught at the University of Rome and Padua, worked together with others in different European countries. Today she lives in Prague and near Rome.

Lecture 1. **The experience of totalitarianism - turned into wisdom and love**

Lecture 2. **The totalitarian aspects of our civilisation today** - which are the phenomena and the totalitarian dangers that we meet and what are the answers, which anthroposophy gives us about them.

Michel Joseph, France. Doctor of Philosophy, founder of the anthroposophical journal Tournant. He gives training in social art, biography, astrosophy in different countries, a.o. Italy, the Czech Republic, France

Lecture: **Chances in the near Future to realise the Threefold Social Order**

Heidjer Reetz, Germany. Along with anthroposophy and philosophy he studied anthroposophical oriented social science and goetheanism. Projects for the unsaleability of land: setup of solidarity funds, to realize an effective debt relief of houses owned by free communities. Company for decentralized selfadministered power stations, producing electricity and heat at once. Beside his practical work he gives lectures and seminars concerning social-scientific topics.

Lecture and workshop: **Anthroposophical social science**

How does the idea of a threefold order work in practice? Departing from its spiritual laws we will try in this seminar to encourage a certain flexible ability in social life.

Gerhard Schuster, Austria. Associate of the International Cultural Centre in Achberg, Germany. Co-founder of the EuroVision Initiative Society and working for direct democracy in Austria. Since 2014 developing the European Credit Initiative with the aim of interest-free credit of the European Central Bank to companies committed to the common good as the first step towards an associative economy.

Lecture: **How can spiritual life be freed from its dependency on economy and state?**

Practical political initiatives.

Study Group: The European Credit Initiative – a Contemporary Challenge for the Movement for Threefolding Society. How can we achieve the necessary collaboration?

Dr. Davorin Peršič, Slovenia, explores the spiritual science of Rudolf Steiner, especially its epistemic, philosophical and historical side. He runs regular annual anthroposophic seminars, study groups and public lectures. He works in the Cultural Association "Sredina" ("Center") and publishes the anthroposophic magazine "Človek in Svet" ("The Man and the World"). He participates in many initiatives for the development of social organism, pedagogic and economic life. Lecture: **Slovenia's Impulse for Central European Culture**. We will follow Slovenia's spiritual constitution and transformation from prehistoric times to the core of contemporary manifestations, which also includes the work of Rudolf Steiner. Recognizing his impulse coincides with recognizing fundamental tasks of modern man.

Ljoba Jenče, Slovenia, is a collector of Slovenian oral heritage, singer and storyteller. She leads a school for the art of story-telling. While developing her own artistic interpretation, Ljoba is also a researcher and teacher of the old folk singing. She conducts workshops for the development of a natural voice and supports traditional singing as a mentor. Concert: **Slovenian Songs and Stories**

Vanessa Underwood, England. As an experienced actress and trained in Speech formation she will give us in workshops exercises showing how speech placement may be directed to three areas of the vocal instrument, relating to threefold man, along with scenes from 'Romeo and Juliet', chosen for their temperament.

Michael Tsigotsides is a representative of the Athens Waldorf initiative. He worked for around 20 years as a high-school teacher for natural sciences in Waldorf schools in Sweden and as teacher in the Waldorfseminar in Järna. He also runs several training courses in Athens for prospective Waldorf teachers. Lecture: **The three Stages of the Development of the Child in relation to Social Threefolding**

Michael Kärcher, Slovenia-Germany. Michael has been living in Slovenia for a long time already. He has been working as a physiotherapist at a state school for curative pedagogy in Ljubljana. Besides his physiotherapy studies, a.o. anthroposophic oriented nursing, Bothmer Gymnastics and therapy of Movement. Presentations: **Thoughts on the situation in Slovenia** and its possible importance for the transition from the 5th to the 6th post-Atlantean cultural epoch. **The origins of money and alternatives** to its present ahrimanic form

Ira Zorko, Slovenia, is an architect. On **the Excursion**, the afternoon walk through the Ljubljana city centre, the genius of Plečnik's architecture will help us to trace and discover the Language of Forms and Space in the Body of the City.

Bothmer Gymnastics: Ira Zorko, Michael Kärcher

Interpretation: **Helena Biffio Zorko** and students of the University of Ljubljana postgraduate course in conference interpreting

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia
+ 386 1 234 88 40, <http://hostel.ddt.si/>

Prices for the 2016 summer season: double (twin) bedroom = 19 € + 0, 63 € tourist tax, breakfast included.

A self-catering kitchen is available on the premises (for evening meals). The Celica Hostel is located just a short distance away (5 min. on foot) and serves vegetarian and non-vegetarian lunches at 6.70 €.

Meeting Fee

350 € – 250 € all inclusive (lectures, workshops, accommodation, food etc.)
This amount is to be paid in cash at the beginning of the meeting. The lower amount covers only the minimum costs of the meeting, like food and lodging. If possible please pay the higher amount, as the surplus will make it possible for people in different financial circumstances to participate. Donations are also most welcome. The organisation and contributions (lectures, etc.) are mainly a gift from the people involved.

Activities Fee

If you only want to attend some of the activities, like individual lectures and workshops, please consider contributing a donation.

Application

In order to help us managing the meeting we kindly ask you to apply by 30 June 2016 at the latest, by sending an email to eurosophia@gmail.com. Please include the following information:

1. name, address, telephone and email
2. indication of the fee you can pay
3. Do you need financial help to come to the meeting?
4. Do you prefer vegetarian food?

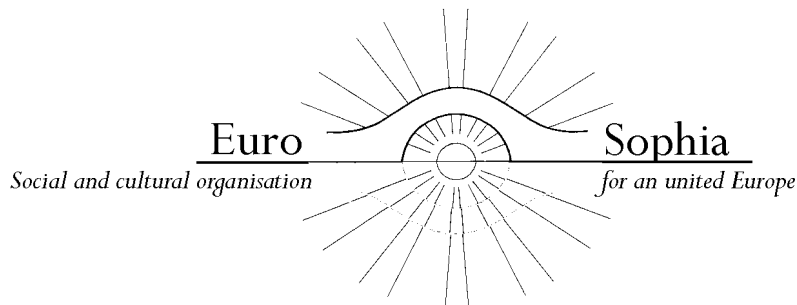
Recommendation

We recommend you to prepare for the meeting by reading the lectures by Rudolf Steiner about the Threefold Social Order, delivered in Oxford in 1922 (the last three lectures of GA 305).

Information

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This meeting is organized with the help of Eurosophia, an Association striving for a European Union of peoples in which individual people can meet each other and live together in brotherhood and mutual understanding.

To this aim Eurosophia organises meetings of Friends of Europe and supports the realisation of Europe- Houses in which people can meet in an open atmosphere, study the cultural backgrounds of different cultures of Europe and try to live in the sense of the Eurosophia ideal.

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	Friday 22 July	Saturday 23	Sunday 24	Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	
	B r e a k f a s t							
	S i n g i n g – F o u n d a t i o n S t o n e							
	S o c i a l A r t "Every Man is an Artist" Joseph Beuys							
	C o f f e e / t e a b r e a k							
	S p e e c h F o r m a t i o n / B o t h m e r G y m n a s t i c s							
		<i>Threefold Man - another way of thinking</i> Wim Veltman	<i>The Experience of Totalitarianism – turned into Wisdom and Love</i> Sylvie Richterova	<i>Totalitarian Aspects of our Civilisation today and the Answers of Anthroposophy</i> Sylvie Richterova	<i>Slovenia's Impuls for Central European Culture</i> Davorin Peršič	<i>The three Stages of Development of the Child in relation to Social Threefolding</i> Michael Tsigotzides	Retrospective	
	A r r i v a l							
		Break		L u n c h				
		Anthroposophical Social Science Heidjer Reetz	Can spiritual life be freed from its dependency on economy and state? Gerhard Schuster	Slovenian's Social Painting				
		Coffee/tea break		Coffee/tea break				
		Continuation – workshop Anthroposophical social science		Continuation -workshop The European Credit Initiative - a Contemporary Challenge				
		Excursion Ljubljana and Plečnik						
		Break						
		S o c i a l P a i n t i n g						
		Coffee/tea break						
		Workshops						
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		Slovenian Stories and Songs Ljoba Jenče	Slovenian Folk-dances	Short presentations Music	Chances in near Future to realise the Threefold Social Order Michel Joseph		19.30 Podium Discussion	
		I n t r o d u c t i o n , P r e s e n t a t i o n , M u s i c						
		20.00-22.00 Short Presentations Lecture Music						
		D e p a r t u r e						
		Music, Singing, Dance, Story, Theater						

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Equality - Law

Fraternity - Economy

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