

FEBRUARY DAYS 2024 AT THE GOETHEANUM

DIGITAL
TECHNOLOGY
& SPIRITUALITY

01 - 04 / 02 / 2024



Goetheanum
Youth Section

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Over the last few years, while working with young people internationally, and notably after the *Youth Section co-workers' gathering* in June this year, we have become aware of how questions related to technology, particularly digital technology, and spirituality, are becoming more and more relevant for young people. During our *"February Days" conference* in 2024, we want to work on understanding the relationship between these aspects of our lives and to try to orient ourselves through a search for deeper knowledge. Experienced and courageous experts will come to share their perspectives and together we will create spaces to dialogue about these pressing issues so relevant for us both individually and collectively. In preparation for this event, a group of young people meets since mid-October at the Youth Section House every Tuesday to read a selection of Rudolf Steiner's *"Leading Thoughts"*. [HERE](#) you can find the list with the selected letters, we encourage you to join the preparation in spirit!

Participation fee: 140 CHF

This covers food, conference program, contributions from experts, and documentation.

Please note:

Accommodation is NOT included. We have beds available in shared rooms for 15 CHF/Night. These can be reserved through the [registration form](#).

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Opening

01.02.2024 at 16:15h

Closure

04.02.2024 at 13:00h



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THURSDAY

02.02.2024

FRIDAY

03.02.2024

SATURDAY

04.02.2024

SUNDAY

7:15
8:15

Breakfast

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8:30
9:45

"Dignified and dystopian trajectories of the relationship between people and technology"
Youth panel*

"Threats and opportunities presented by AI: the will as the central element at stake".
with Joan Melé and Ella Gold Wade

Workshops with Hernan Melana, Nathaniel Williams, and Joan Melé

10:00
11:00

Conversation groups

Conversation groups

11:00
11:30

Coffee break

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11:30
13:00

Workshops**

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Closing plenum

13:00
15:00

Lunch

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15:00
16:15

"Digital technology, conceptions of the human being and health" with Sebastian Lorenz

"Digital technology, sub-nature and the etheric" with Matthias Rang and Gareth Dicker

16:15
16:45

Opening and contributions from Hernan Melana and Laura Dias Porto on **"Body, Technology, and Spirituality: Navigating the *Second Migration*"**

Singing

Singing

17:00
18:00

Conversation groups

Conversation groups

18:00
20:00

Dinner

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20:00
21:30

The Sound of Interbeing
Exploring creative voices and having conversations with imaginary sound organisms
with Omer Eilam

Virtual Reality and Contemplative Knowledge Practices
Open lecture from Sebastian Lorenz and Nathaniel Williams

Explorations of analogue and digital screen culture
Created by Nathaniel Williams, Mariam Tsikarishvili, and Jakob Bergsma

Youth panel*
A number of young people will dialogue with Nathaniel Williams, who will address them with questions.

****Workshops**

- 1. Laura Dias Porto and Joao Batista Signorelli on "Money as Social Technology: Materialization of the Spirit in Economy."**
- 2. Mariam Tsikarishvili and Noël Norbron on "The dimensions of spirituality and technology in space and time."**
- 3. Gareth Dicker on "Cognitive Freedom and Manipulation."**
- 4. Omer Eilam on "The Sound of Interbeing. An invitation to explore creative voices and have conversations with imaginary sound organisms."**
- 5. Chris R and Giorgi Ekizashvili on "Social threefolding, technology, and spirituality."**
- 6. Marthe Müller Lütken and Kate Lum on "Rudolf Steiner's Leading Thoughts and Digital Technology."**
- 7. Melody Brink and Ianthe Lauwaert on "How can we be fully human today?."**
- 8. Russell Arnold on "Thinking, in the mirror of automation."**
- 9. Cory Holzinger on "A discussion with AI: ChatGPT and Midjourney about spirituality"**

About the Experts

Matthias Rang studied physics, 2007 research stay at the University of Washington in Seattle, USA. Since then he has been working as a Research Fellow in the Natural Science Section at the Goetheanum. 2015 Doctorate at the Bergische Universität Wuppertal, Germany, and since 2020 co-responsible for the leadership of the Natural Science Section. Special interest in complementary phenomena in optics such as complementary spectra and complementary images. Studies on the relationship of Goethe's Colour Theory to Newton's Optics and to modern optics.

Sebastian Lorenz is a doctor of psychiatry, psychotherapy, and general medicine. He studied medicine, philosophy, and law at the University of Freiburg in Brsg. and holds a doctorate in the history of medicine. Subsequent degrees in Government at Harvard University and Business Law at the University of Zurich. Works as a psychotherapist, counselor, author, translator, and freelancer at the Goetheanum's Section for Fine Arts.

Hernan Melana is a musician, composer, writer, and history teacher. He coordinates various pedagogical seminars in Iberamerica for teachers and teachers' educators. He is the president of the "[27 de Febrero Foundation](#)", which brings together seven pedagogical seminars from Latin America, and is the founder and coordinator of the "[Casa de los Jóvenes Foundation](#)".

Publications:

"Juan de Valois I, II and III" - Adventure books for young people.

"Lemas y Poesías" - Collection of poems.

"Los hijos del rey" - Stories for musical initiation.

Forthcoming Publications:

"Towards the Philosophy of Freedom".

"John of Valois IV."

Digital Platforms:

Author of the channel "[Philosophy, Psychology, Stories](#)" with more than ten million reproductions.

Nathaniel Williams is the leader of the Youth Section at the Goetheanum since January 2023. He was the co-founder of "[Free Columbia](#)" in New York. He studied visual art and marionette theatre and received a PhD in Political Theory from the University of Albany.

Joan Antoni Melé is the president of the "[Dinero y Conciencia](#)" Foundation, consultant, and educator in values. He leads training processes and the development of [Ethical Banking in Latin America](#) and is a member of the Advisory Board of [Triodos Bank](#) in Spain.

With more than 45 years of professional experience in the banking sector, Joan Antoni Melé has been Triodos Bank's Deputy CEO in Spain, a member of its Executive Committee, and Vice-Chair of the Triodos Foundation. In January 2015, he resigned from his position to promote Ethical Banking in Latin America and to dedicate himself fully to his work in disseminating information on conscious economy, sustainable business, and education in values. Publications:

"Money and Conscience".

"Economics explained to young people".

"What we have left to Live".

"Human Beings or Puppets".