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## **Three Conferences**

### **The Constitution of the (General) Anthroposophical Society**

#### **2nd. Conference: What has come about**

**November 24–26, 2023**

##### **About the second conference:**

To incarnate, the spiritual requires a form. The form must fit the purpose if life is to flourish within it. Rudolf Steiner re-founded the Anthroposophical Society at the Christmas Conference of 1923/24. One year later, the statutes of this form were replaced – without having been generally realized and understood. Thus, even today, the Anthroposophical Society no longer lives in the form appropriate and intended for it.

How could this happen? What were the reasons? What were the consequences of this replacement in the various phases of the Society's development, and what is its significance today?

If we can, we wish to try and resolve these questions.

## About this series of conferences:

### At Christmas 2023, the Anthroposophical Society enters its second century

For self-knowledge and for development as a society, as well as in preparing for this step, it is necessary to transform what has so far been neglected and unresolved. In this way, the path into the future may become unencumbered and powerful. This applies above all to the tragic events surrounding the constitution of the Anthroposophical Society, which continue to have an impact until the present day.

At Christmas 1923/24, Rudolf Steiner re-founded the Anthroposophical Society. Through his preparation and guidance, a unique process of incarnation took place, which transformed the spiritual as well as the earthly (social) world in a hitherto unknown way.

This is the foundation on which we stand today as members of the Anthroposophical Society. That is our common understanding. But the reality is different. During the Christmas conference, Rudolf Steiner pointed out that the constitution had not yet been completed. In particular, his attempts to "form the appropriate relationship with the Association of the Goetheanum" (the so-called Bauverein; GA 260, p. 110), were not fully completed during his lifetime.

Decisions taken after his death in an effort to implement this appropriate relationship resulted in the absorption of the Society founded at Christmas 1923, which henceforth continued to live on within the (legal) body of the former Association of the Goetheanum from 1925 onwards. How did this happen? And what does it mean for today's Anthroposophical Society? Which statutes apply in fact - and which should be valid in the future?

The open working group on the constitutional question, initiated by the Section for Social Sciences and under the auspices of the board of the General Anthroposophical Society (AAG) and the Anthroposophical Society in Germany (AGiD), has largely completed its work, which it began in 2019. Its report documents the events that have been suppressed for such a long time.

Now we invite all members interested in an earnest striving for knowledge to an open, common exchange: What does this outcome mean for our society - today and tomorrow? How can we come to terms with what happened? How might it be healed? And how can we, commensurate with Rudolf Steiner's original intentions, make our society fit for the future from a spiritual, legal and economic point of view?

# Programme

Link to watch the livestream:

<https://goetheanum-ch.zoom.us/j/84699625260?pwd=T0xVXBXyVn1eCt1VlFCangyUDY5QT09>

## November 24, 2023 Schreinerei Saal, Goetheanum

6.00–7.00 pm: Welcome and orientation: **Monika Elbert, Justus Wittich & Gerald Häfner (livestream, see link)**

7.00–8.30 pm: Contributions:  
**Sebastian Boegner & others (livestream, see link)**

## November 25, 2023 Schreinerei Saal, Goetheanum

9.00–11.00 am: Contributions:  
**Thomas Heck & Gerhard Schuster (livestream, see link)**

11.00–11.30 am: Coffee break

11.30–12.30 am: Discussion

12.30 am –2.30 pm: Lunch

2.30–4.00 pm: Reenactment

4.00–4.30 pm: Coffee break

4.30–6.00 pm: Discussion:  
**Moderation: Justus Wittich (livestream, see link)**

6.00–7.30 pm: Dinner

7.30–9.00 pm: Contributions:  
**Eric Hurner & Michael Schubert (livestream, see link)**

## **November 26, 2023 Schreinerei Saal, Goetheanum**

- 9.00–10.00 am: Recapitulation and open questions  
**Gerald Häfner (livestream, see link)**
- 10.00–10.30 am: Coffee break
- 10.30–12.15 am: Penal discussion (livestream, see link)
- 12.15 am –1.00 pm: Closing and way forward  
**Gerald Häfner (livestream, see link)**

**Link to watch the livestream:**

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### **Part 3: What wishes to arise?**

**February 23–25, 2024**

**Application and Tickets: [www.goetheanum.ch/de/veranstaltungen](http://www.goetheanum.ch/de/veranstaltungen)**



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