



International Members' Forum

Towards greater global awareness and collaboration

On 1 November 2025 the fourth International Members' Forum took place which focused on the topic of Working for and out of Anthroposophy in the Face of Ahrimanic Assaults and continued the work started at the first International Members' Forum on 2 November 2024.

At that time the members present identified fifteen challenges that Anthroposophy and the Anthroposophical Society are facing today (Anthroposophy Worldwide 1–2/2024) and that formed the basis for the subsequent forums. In addition, space was created for the initiatives of participants who were able to offer a working group. The fourth Forum had the following working groups:

- Future seeds of Waldorf Education – ways of overcoming an Ahrimanic, rigid view of the human being (English, Spanish)
- Ahrimanic characteristics of shared ownership and how social threefolding can help (English)
- The working of Lucifer and Ahriman in and through the double (English)
- Anthroposophical Society: centre and periphery (English and Spanish)
- How do we want to live the Anthroposophical Society in the future? (English)
- Meeting Ahriman through Goethean conversation – addressing the disconnection between theory, knowledge and practice (English)
- Agenda 2030 and review of the pandemic (English, Spanish)
- What did Rudolf Steiner tell us about Ahriman in our time and how can we weaken the pernicious influence of his inevitable incarnation? (Spanish)

Strengthening the middle with a heart culture

One group spoke about the Luciferic double in our astral body and the Ahrimanic double in our etheric body. Another group worked

on questions such as How can the Anthroposophical Society become a role model for the building of a human community? Topics ranged from freedom and transparency in decision-making to meeting the real longing for spirituality in the world. This includes seeking out areas of common interest in society that are not yet permeated by Anthroposophy and bringing Anthroposophy to them. One example is the Legal Meeting Space created by the Anthroposophical Society in Argentina for lawyers from around the world to study law in the light of spirituality.

A third group discovered four Ahrimanic tendencies in the Anthroposophical Society: top-down attitudes in social interactions, atomized society, polarization and limited tolerance and dogmatism. The conclusion was that a heart culture can strengthen the middle and gradually overcome these Ahrimanic tendencies.

Courage instead of a spiral of silence

The group working on threefolding and the future of the Anthroposophical Society realized how difficult the situation can be for anthroposophic medicine and education in countries with strict regulations and how important it therefore is to have living and thriving examples of social threefolding. They also pondered new forms for the Anthroposophical Society and discussed the development of guiding threefolding principles, looking at the three parts of Society and how they should be interconnected. Basing one's own work on ethical individualism could encourage every member to take responsibility.

A young facilitator led a group on social threefolding that focused among other things on the interview with a CEO of the German arms manufacturer Rheinmetall who said he was not himself responsible for the Rheinmetall leadership but that he had to act in the interest of the shareholders. This is how he justified taking billions from the German state to deliver weapons to Ukraine on the one hand and suing the German state on the other hand for banning arms supplies to Russia. This discussion led us to Rudolf Steiner's statement that the financial system has developed into one where no one acts self-responsibly anymore and that as a result it serves Ahrimanic goals. The question is how the inalienable enterprises proposed in social threefolding can help to overcome this problem.

The group dealing with Agenda 2023 and the pandemic saw a connection with tendencies towards global control over human activities. Furthermore, institutional issues were discussed such as health ministries or universities silencing scientific dissidents

and punishing critical physicians. It was disappointing to see how intelligent people can lack courage. One crucial lesson was not to get caught in a spiral of silence.

The Forum's preparatory team really appreciates that these exchanges are possible. We hope that more languages can be offered in the future. Volunteer translators are welcome.

Outlook: spiritual impulse of the Christmas Conference

The next Forum will take place on 17 May 2026. Since a committee at the Goetheanum is preparing a draft proposal for new statutes for the Anthroposophical Society to be presented at the Anthroposophical Society's AGM in April 2026, we would like to devote our next International Forum to the spiritual impulse given by Rudolf Steiner during the Christmas Conference of 1923/1924, as it is reflected and embodied in the founding statutes. We would like to have a conversation with the members worldwide on this important issue and invite the committee with its proposals to participate in this exchange (see page 4f).

Focusing on the Christmas Conference of 1923/1924 we would like to reflect on questions such as: What qualities does the Anthroposophical Society need in the current world situation? What was the essence of the Christmas Conference impulse and what is its relevance today? How can this impulse be kept alive and fostered so that it can become a reality? We look forward to meeting you at one of our Forums in 2026. | *Moritz Christoph, Germany; Tatiana García-Cuerva, Switzerland; Lohengrin Jaramillo, Columbia; Bernadett Kiss, Hungary; Jérémy Langella, France; Amalia Michielli, Brazil; Victoria Ponce, Canada; Pablo Vidales, Chile*

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