

The sculptural ideal form of a society

a weekend seminar at the KCAT Arts Centre Mill Lane Callan Kilkenny Ireland

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Programme

Friday, November 25 2022

19.30 until 21.30 (reception from 19.00 onwards)

Introduction (public lecture)

Goethe and Schiller and how societies as well as plants are manifestations of primal ideas

"Goethe narrates a conversation that once ensued between Schiller and himself after they had both attended a meeting of the Society for Nature Research in Jena. Schiller was dissatisfied with the results of the meeting. He had found there a most disintegrating method for the study of Nature and he remarked that such a method could never appeal to a layman. Goethe replied that "possibly this method was cumbersome for the initiated also and that there might well exist yet another way of portraying Nature active and living, struggling from the whole into the parts, and not severed and isolated." And then Goethe evolved the great ideas which had arisen within him concerning the nature of plants. He drew "with many characteristic strokes, a symbolic plant" before Schiller's eyes. This symbolic plant was intended to give expression to the essential being lying in every single plant, whatever particular form it assumes. It was intended to demonstrate the successive development of the single portions of the plant, their emergence from each other and their mutual relationship. " (Rudolf Steiner, Goethe's concept of the world, GA6)

During this weekend seminar, we awaken in ourselves the sculptural ideal form of societies as Goethe awakened in himself the sculptural ideal form of plants.

Saturday, November 26 2022

10.00 until 11.30 (reception from 9.30 onwards)

- Check in: What brings you here? What questions do you have?
- The history of social forms in relation to human consciousness development
- our times with regard to social forms

Tea/Coffee Break

11.45 until 13.15

- Exercises to experience our times and the future with regard to social forms

Lunch

14.15 until 15.45

- the history of the exchange and allocation of the means of production of land, labour and capital in relation to the development of human consciousness
- Our times with regard to the exchange and allocation of the means of production

Tea/Coffee Break

16.00 until 17.30

- Exercises to experience our times and the future with regard to the exchange and allocation of the means of production

Sunday, November 27 2022

10.15 until 11.45 (reception from 9.45 onwards)

- Check in:
- The history of money in relation to human consciousness development
- our time in relation to money

Tea/Coffee Break

12.00 until 13.30

- Exercises to experience our times and the future with regard to money
- Check out and goodbye

* Jac Hielema will practice and do *Symptomatology* with the participants. The starting point and final goal are the participants and their thoughts and feelings as they are. Prior knowledge in whatever area is not necessary. Jac Hielema does, however, require willingness to reflect on one's own thinking and actions, and, together with others, to create a safe atmosphere in which everything can be said and asked in order to do what is needed to practice *Symptomatology*.