



International congress  
**Pregnancy, birth and early childhood**

## The dignity of the child

Online Webinar  
Saturday 1 June, from 5pm (CET)

# Life forces

Finding forces that bring life  
in a world of exhaustion

Access to the Main Conference Presentations, then a Closing World Conversation with Karin Michael and Adam Blanning.

*Your locus is  
where eyes look at you.  
Where eyes meet  
you come into being.*

*Borne by a call,  
always the same voice,  
it seems there is only one  
with which all call.*

*You fell,  
but you don't fall.  
Eyes catch you.*

*You exist  
because eyes want you,  
look at you and say  
that you exist*

Hilde Domin

*(Sämtliche Gedichte, S. Fischer Verlag GmbH, Frankfurt am Main, 2009. Translation Christian von Arnim)*

Dornach, February 2024

Dear Colleagues, dear Friends,

The "Life Forces" conference taking place at the Goetheanum this summer raises important questions about the health of children and the adults who care for them. In a world of exhaustion, how do we find the forces that bring life? As this topic concerns us all - in communities and countries around the world - we would like to open access to the keynote lectures to colleagues from all over the world.

What we can offer is that the five keynote speeches of the conference will be recorded (in a simple way, with English translation) and made available afterwards. We encourage you to watch the presentations each day on your own schedule.

On the final day of the conference, Saturday 1 June, we will come together for a two-hour online 'world conversation' to reflect on the conference, hear from each other and consider how this important work can be taken further into the world.

We look forward to working together!

Best regards from Dornach and the USA

Handwritten signatures of Adam Blanning and Karin Michael in blue ink.

*Adam Blanning and Karin Michael*  
Medical Section at the Goetheanum

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**Available lectures from Thursday, 30 May at 9 am (CET)**

*Duration approx. 3 hours*

**Welcome – making oneself at home** *Philipp Reubke*

**Finding forces that bring life in a world of exhaustion** *Karin Michael*

**Forces in nature** *Benno Otter*

**Signatures of life** *Claudia Grah-Wittich, Jochen Breme and David Martin*

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**Available lectures from Thursday, 30 May at 2 pm (CET)**

*Duration approx. 1,5 hours*

Two lectures on the topic: **"Where do I come from?"**

**1. Critical threshold situations** *Christoph Meinecke*

**2. Extreme premature birth and asphyxia, post-maturation through integrated treatment including general movements.** *Sven Wellmann*

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**Available lectures from Friday, 31 May at 2 pm (CET)**

*Duration approx. 1,5 hours*

Three lectures on the topic: **"Being in resonance"**

**1. Resonance** *Claudia Grah-Wittich*

**2. Letting go and sleeping** *Ina von Mackensen*

**3. Assisted conception: conceived in the hands** *Natalie Hurst*

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**Available recordings from Saturday, 1 June from 3 pm (CET)**

*Duration approx. 1,5 hours*

Three lectures on the topic: **"What will be?"**

**1. Establishing openness for what is coming into being** *Angelika Maaser*

**2. The future of birth** *Johanna Hünig*

**3. Forming an envelope** *Cristina Meinecke*

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## Schedule Webinar

*Saturday, June 1, 17:00 CET (11:00 EST/8:00am PST) Language online event: English*

- 17:00-17:15     **Welcome and introduction** *Adam Blanning and Karin Michael*
- 17:15-17:45     **Looking back** at the conference—what themes emerged?
- 17:45-18:10     **Small groups:** What do you see as the core issues? What can now support your work—in your own school, community or country?
- 18:10-18:20     Break
- 18:20-18:50     **Gathering of insights**
- 18:50-19:00     **Looking ahead, closing thoughts**

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## Registration / Price

For this online offering we are able to offer three tuition levels. We ask that you choose the level that is possible for you. We want as many people as possible to take part, while also being mindful that we need to properly support the organizational needs for such a big conference, and the medical section team which makes these events possible. The price levels are:

***100 Swiss francs***

Supporting level, suggested level for colleagues in places like Western Europe or North America

***75 Swiss francs***

Mid-level

***50 Swiss francs***

Discounted level, for colleagues in all parts of the world who need it

The online event is organised with ZOOM. Please register using the following link:

### [Registration Webinar](#)

We will send you access to the video platform on Wednesday, 29 May, which will then be available from Thursday. At the same time, you will receive the link to the ZOOM event

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