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Waldorf 100 Centenary Conference 'First Course for Teachers'
at the Goetheanum in Dornach, Switzerland

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You are warmly invited to celebrate with us the Centenary of Steiner Education and the Centenary of the *First Course for Teachers* from 6th to 14th July 2019 at the Goetheanum in Switzerland. We would like to work with you for nine days on the foundations of Waldorf Education and re-visit the *First Course for Teachers*.

The *First Course for Teachers* in Stuttgart carried significant impulses for Waldorf Education, a movement which now includes over 1,100 schools and 2,000 kindergartens worldwide. Rudolf Steiner, the pioneer of Waldorf Education, devoted his time between 20th August and 5th September 1919 entirely to the beginnings of a new Art of Education and laid the vital foundations for the schools. However, every single teacher needs to constantly adapt this unique basis of the Art of Education to their own circumstances.

With this conference we aim to bring the 100 years of work and experience of this course into the present and thus look towards the future. The course was initially held in three parts; which new and profound aspects open up when we look at all three parts of the course together? We want you to experience the whole course, this is why we have organised it in three blocks of three days each, devoted to the three fundamental perspectives of body, soul and spirit. Every day we will study a selected day of the 1919 course in two of the four sessions.

A special edition of the 1919 First Teachers' Course will be published in time for the Centenary. For the first time, the three parts of the course will be published in chronological order. The three parts include "The Foundations of Human Experience", "Practical Advice to Teachers" and "Discussions with Teachers". In this way we will discover how the new methods of *The Foundations of Human Experience* have been developed from one day to the next. The special edition will be available in German and English.

Our 2019 conference will be held in English and German. If there is sufficient demand, we will also provide Spanish translation.

Please help us to provide important inspiration for the future of our school movement! Experience the *First Teachers' Course* in all its grandeur and be part of the Centenary conference at the Goetheanum!