

THE SIEMENS VILLA UFE SYMPOSIA & BACKGROUND

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Inline Foundation is proud to present a series of symposia scheduled to begin 2023 at Siemens Villa. Started by Stefan Peter in 2015, the vision of the Foundation is to cultivate consciousness, unfold inherent potential, both individually and collectively to create authentic connectivity.

The symposia are a contemporary offering that echoes back to Berlin in the summer of 1930, when the second World Power Conference was held in the capital. The mission of the 2023 symposia is to reinvestigate energy as a context to be explored in broad and multiple aspects.

The World Power Conference was a social high point in international relations at the time. It was attended by political leaders, scientists and industrialists from all over the world. A lively program of cultural and musical events was offered to the participants along with serious discussions on the topics on energy and power.

Carl Friedrich von Siemens, then the head of the House of Siemens, was the center of gravity for the conference. He entertained 400 of the most essential and influential global representatives in the field of energy to a garden party at his private estate of Siemens-Villa Potsdam-Heinrichshof on June 21, 1930.

It is within this historical legacy that this innovative cultural, scientific and wisdom-based program of international symposia is offered at Siemens Villa in Berlin in 2023.

The symposia take a dual investigative approach—the scientific and the experiential—to explore the various manifestations of energy.

Today, energy is understood as the underlying force that connects the universe. Exploring how humanity can apply fundamental energy sources for the common good has become an essential theme for mankind today.

THE SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND: EXPLORATION OF THE FORCES THAT CONNECT THE UNIVERSE WITH CONSCIOUSNESS

For centuries, scientists and researchers have attempted to describe fundamental forces of nature and whether and how they interact in a single theory. Although this sometimes called “unified field theory” has challenged many scientific notions and experts, four fundamental forces that rule the universe have been described. These forces are: electromagnetism; strong and weak interactions; and gravitation.

Central to new approaches in the unified field theory has been the Higgs Boson particle, named after Peter Higgs, the British theoretical physicist, who, along with other scientists, predicted in 1964 its theoretical possibility. In 2012, CERN with its Large Hadron Collider (LHC) in Geneva, a subatomic accelerator, revolutionized our knowledge of quantum processes with the discovery of the Higgs Boson particle, thus proving the physical reality of the mathematically predicted particle after decades.

The Higgs Boson particle is central to the field of energy in every region of the universe. It continuously interacts with other particles within the four fundamental forces, thus ‘unifying’ (i.e., interconnecting) the universe.

It has been proposed that the matrix of reality could be a quantum web, and that the key property behind everything would be quantum information.

Given the field character of the universe, it has been hypothesized that consciousness, likewise, may interconnect through this field by means of quantum information. Since information travels through the universe in quantum processes, our brains that are built to capture and deliver information, are the interface between consciousness and the universe.

It could be proposed that consciousness is an intrinsic property of the universe, capable of generating order, self-organization, and complexity.

The Siemens Villa Symposia explore the latest aspects of research of the unified field theory, and the assessment of both risks and benefits in the possible application of this theory beyond scientific research labs. Accordingly, medicine, neuroscience, consciousness research, and even spirituality, are now emerging and being applied in this context.

THE EXPERIENTIAL BACKGROUND: HUMANKIND'S EXPLORATION OF ENERGY AND THE UNIFIED UNIVERSE

Since the dawn of civilization, humanity has longed to understand our connection to the universe. It seems that every religious and wisdom tradition shares the basic concept that we are a part of a whole. Encapsulated in the desire to understand the whole, is our quest for meaning.

This search for understanding of our place in the universe in connection with the whole is now also reflected in science, medicine, psychology, and consciousness research. Hence, a fascinating echo today connects a vibrant concert of disciplines, and energizes science as well as the arts and world religions.

It was the scientist David Bohm who first proposed in his groundbreaking book *Wholeness and the Implicate Order* that as the laws of quantum physics can explain the explicit order of the universe, so consciousness, can reveal the implicate order of the universe. Consciousness possibly does not arise from brain activity alone, as some neuroscientists believe, but rather conscious awareness may arise from quantum processes at large, as our minds are embedded into a larger universal consciousness system.

The theory has been proposed by Dr Stuart Hameroff and the English mathematical physicist and Nobel Prize winner Sir Roger Penrose that consciousness is a fundamental, intrinsic property of the universe, present even at the first moment of the universe during the Big Bang. This view of consciousness can show us the direction towards a unified theory by which consciousness would be the connecting force to the universe as a whole, and to the totality of space and time as a holistic system.

The Siemens Villa Symposia explore the human quest to understand the universe and the fundamental significance of spiritual experience in our evolutionary and individual development. Wisdom traditions and the arts present exciting manifestations of the interplay between human consciousness, healing, and the experience of unity.

THE HISTORY OF SIEMENS VILLA

The Siemens Villa in Berlin is one of the most impressive industrial residential buildings in Germany.

Located in today's Berlin district of Steglitz-Zehlendorf, this stately house surrounded by a spacious park is reminiscent of the time when industrial pioneers wrote not only economic and social history, but also established new architectural paradigms in the concepts and designs of their private refuges.

The Villa originally known as the “Correns Manor,” was built by industrial entrepreneur Friedrich Christian Correns in 1914 shortly before World War I was just declared. The Villa has withstood two World Wars and the division of the city of Berlin. Correns was the director of the Accumulatoren-Fabrik-AG, from which Varta, a battery manufacturing company, later emerged. He commissioned the architects Fritz Freymüller and Albert Denzel to design and build the Villa. The remarkably good current conservation of the building is due to the architects’ use of the best construction materials at the time and to the work by highly qualified craftsmen who had been recommended to Correns by Emperor Wilhelm II.

Following the owner’s death in 1923, his widow Emely Correns sold the mansion in 1925 to Werner Ferdinand von Siemens, with whose name it has passed down in the history of the city of Berlin.

Siemens, an avid music lover and most significant music philanthropist built a concert hall of over 800 square meters in 1928, which remains world-renowned today for its extraordinary acoustics. Radio stations and music companies currently record in the hall regularly. The Wurlitzer organ installed there became world-famous. Still playable today, it is one of the highlights of the Berlin Musical Instrument Museum. The Walcker organ in the specifically designed organ room in the villa will be restored 2023.

From 1941 to 1976 the Ibero-American Institute and the German Central Library for Ibero-America were housed at the Villa. It then became the seat of the German Music Archive of the National Library, before it was relocated to Leipzig in 2011.

Stefan Peter acquired the villa in 2011 with the vision of continuing to preserve this unique building for the public as a place for culture, science, and art. This vision has been underlined by the collaboration with the Business School Berlin Potsdam (BSP), and the Medical School Berlin (MSB), which are based here since 2012.

Students and professors of both schools today enjoy the unusually designed rooms in different styles. The park surrounding the Villa, with its almost 30,000 square meters, it is still one of the largest private parks in the Federal capital.

Stefan Peter founded an international Forum for Meditation and Neuroscience as part of Inline Foundation, also based in the Siemens Villa since 2015.

CONNECTING TO THE PAST: THE 1930 BERLIN WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE

The World Energy Council is the UN-accredited global energy body, representing the entire energy spectrum, with more than 3,000 member organizations located in over 90 countries and drawn from governments, private and state corporations, academia, NGOs, and energy-related stakeholders.

It was originally founded in 1923 and held its first World Power Conference the following year in 1924. This was a time when a new international order was being explored following the aftermath of World War I, in which global organizations would steer and regulate potentially sensitive areas of international life and trade.

Energy was then, as it is today, among the most explosive subjects in international relations, and the World Power Conference was a major experiment in the emerging new internationalist world order laboratory. One critical question concerned the precise balance between national and international powers in the new organization.

This question, among others, remained at the center of the second World Power Conference, held in Berlin in the summer of 1930. This venue, and its location, have paved the way for multiple discourses on the various forms and consequences of energy – and its use by mankind, until today. Now it sets the stage for our Siemens Villa conferences with a focus on exploring the idea of a subatomic unified field energy (UFE).

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