Summer Weeks

Methods of Spiritual Perception in Nordic Nature

empathic perception of nature
theric forces
Spiritual Ecology
meditation research
ether geography

With: Dr Manfred Schleyer, Dirk Kruse, Dr. Gunter Gebhardt, Martin Hollerbach

Overview

Main Location: Soleggen Fjellstue in the mountain area Jotunheimen.

Time: 31.07.-13.08.2017

Prelude - at the Oslofjord ‘Perception and Observation of Bees’ (beedynamic.no), panel discussion: 'Spiritual Ecology and a New Paradigm of Science?'

Main program –

- **Summer Week:** 31.07.2017 – 06.08.2017: 'Methods of spiritual sensing'
- **Deepening course -** 07.8.2017 - 12.08.2017: Dorian Schmidt: 'Landscape Perception'

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Languages: German and Norwegian, working groups also in English
**Cost**: Course Fee 360 € (Student discount and scholarships on available on request)

- optional catering: 140 € - to be paid into account: IBAN 12540563363, keyword: ‘Summer Week’

**Accommodation**: tent: 10 €/ night; cabins and rooms from 20 €/night; group, quadruple, double or (a few) single rooms, are to be paid on the location or transferred into the account mentioned above; also available is external accommodation (local B&B).

*Prices include only the Summer Week from the **31st July to the 6th August** - Discount and scholarships for volunteers etc. available on request.

**Arrival**: Direct flights from Berlin, Hamburg, Munich, Amsterdam, Bucuresti from 35 € (norwegian.com, wizzair.com, ryanair.com);
Arrive in Oslo-Gardermoen (main airport), Rygge or Sandefjord-Torp; from there take the shuttle bus or the train.

**Info**: summerweek.baldron.org Facebook: baldron.no

**Coordination**: Raphael Kleimann, BALDRON association baldron.org
Natural science is in deep crisis today; destruction of the environment and audio-visual assaults on the individual’s mind and heart express a fundamental lack in our understanding of the ‘living’. Without the connection to nature, including nature in us, science becomes sterile and narrow-minded; more and more susceptible to being manipulated, by things such as short-sighted economic interests.

Is science today travelling to its own end; dogmatically barren and intolerant to the pure sensorial perception of nature, which was once the very base and source of inspiration for its culture-forming power? Can we get it back on track – a track where wonder, questioning and self-reflection are guiding the researcher? Should we venture to the sources of western fascination for science and nature research; a walk to the ‘Mater Materia’?

For the druids and Hiberno-Scottish monks, this was the path of their initiation: standing upright through wind and weather, recognizing themselves as part of the creative resistance of yet unfinished evolutionary powers in nature. With this path of knowledge as a background, the Celtic-Christian monks built the first sun crosses and churches in the land of the Viking - a long time before the pope’s envoys could gain a foothold. Ireland-Scotland in the north of western Europe and Norway in the west of northern Europe, they are culturally bound together, sharing rough, almost overwhelming forces of nature. To what extent can this experience and knowledge of nature actually be accessible to modern consciousness, as part of an inner training in consciousness? If a ‘baptism through the elements’ might be possible, no place could be better than on the Island Iona... - and between the Fjell and Fjord in
Norway: In the elementary forces of the bedrock and the water, in the exuberance of light - everywhere one can feel invited to experience nature in its spiritual, living-being essence. Imaginations and inspirations are as if spread out in the landscape, sometimes accentuated here and there by stave churches.

The perception of nature in Scandinavia has found a very fertile ground - one that hasn’t been ploughed yet! How can we proceed from here? Rudolf Steiner’s specific suggestions regarding the development of the Nordic folk culture and spiritual ecology are at hand. There have also been significant initiatives like the seminars given by Jochen Bockemühl and Hans-Christian Zehnter and the ‘School of Nature’ among other things with a first seminar on research of formative forces by Dorian Schmidt, but also an anthology ‘Spirituell Økologi’ and dialogues with the deep ecology of Arne Naess.

Since 2015 a number of courses for empathic observation of nature and spiritual ecology have taken place. Antje and Dorian Schmidt have given important impulses; a regular training for the study of formative forces (Empathic Food Testing and nature observation) is active and growing.

The summer week ‘Methods of Spiritual Perception’ which took place for the first time in 2016, has evoked enthusiastic acclaim by participants and dialog partners alike. Now we are expanding on this same ground, reaching even further with an enlarged two-week program, in an even more spectacular landscape, yet in the same laid back, dialogic, summer-holiday atmosphere: under the wide sky and in open perception, with a big heart and focused thoughts. Five qualified specialists of the spiritual research of nature will take part in working groups and plenum discussions: Dirk Kruse, Dr. Manfred Schleyer, Dr. Gunter Gebhard, Martin Hollerbach; featured events on the evenings, local and international facilitators will introduce us to themes like “Norwegian fairytales and folk soul”, “Megalithic culture and the riddle of “Atlantis’”", “Geomancy of the human body”.

The summer weeks invites participants to learn how to ‘read in the book of nature’ with artistic, soulful precision, at an open-air retreat in an alpine resort at “Jotunheimen” (Giants’ home). During the first week you will acquire the tools for a deeper observation of nature, in the second week we invite you to accompany us on day trips to the peaks and valleys, fjords and stave churches of the area. (It is possible to book only the first week, but not to “jump in” at week 2). Some public events in Oslo in the weekend before (28.-30.7.) serve as introduction to the theme as well as appetizer for the notoriously spontaneous local people.
Some interviews and written statements from last year’s participants can be seen on the event website. They may give you a feel of what can happen when people, folk souls and the beings of the land – the little and the majestic ones – meet eye in eye, in dialog mode. We kindly invite you to be part of that dialog of the living!
Info: summerweek.baldron.org

* We would also like to inform you of another associated initiative: the Summer School Iona, 8th – 15th July 2017: www.summerschool-iona.org
Prelude – Perception exercises
The holy chamber of the bees
and the mystery of the drones

BeeDynamic: Spiritual Ecology in Practice

Venue: BeeDynamic, Syverudveien 138, 1407 Vinterbro (30 Minutes south of Oslo)
Language: English (evt. with translation)

With a.o.
	Ingelin Vestly The mystery of the drones
	Dirk Kruse The Chamber of the Bees
	Gunter Gebhard The substances of Light and Love
	Martin Hollerbach The Beehive and the Community of the Farm

Arranged in cooperation with BeeDynamic, an international center for dynamic bee-keeping, training and research

Cost: 90 €
More info: www.beedynamic.no
Kickoff – Forum
Research in the Living
Living research?

Short lectures and panel dialog

**Venue:** Rudolf Steiner University College, Prof. Dahls Gate 30, Oslo

**Time:** Saturday 29 July 10-16

**Languages:** English, Norwegian, German

**Short lectures with questions from the audience:**

Dr. Manfred Schleyer – Life Forces in Nature – The Example of Water Flow
Dirk Kruse – Observing Nature with the Soul’s Eyes
Marianne Kleimann Sevåg – Children and the Elements
Gunter Gebhard - School without Classroom

In the breaks: Refreshments; Artistic contributions and exhibits.
Main Program – Retreat Seminar
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Retreat and Practical Meditation Research

Place: Solegggen Gebirgshotel


Language: Mainly German and Norwegian, English also in the work groups

Schedule

9h Breakfast

10 -13 h Meditation research - Impulses and exercise
Work groups:
- Researching the etheric forces: the forces in nature- the human being and the living
- Love as a requirement for knowledge
- Geotheanistic study of stones, landscapes and stars
- Research of etheric forces in the preparat and landscape

13 h Lunch
Summer feelings- walking, swimming, wandering- free time

16 -19 h Meeting nature: Experiencing, strengthening and recognizing the living
Work groups continued

19 -20 h Dinner

20 h Dialogs and artistic happenings: night cafe

Seminar groups:

Dirk Kruse  Geotheanistic study of stones, landscapes and stars
Manfred Schleyer  Researching the etheric forces: the forces in nature-the human being and the living
Gunter Gebhard  Love as a requirement for Knowledge
Martin Hollerbach  Research of etheric forces in the preparat and the landscape, Cultural landscape and the human soul

Deepening excursions: Walking week  »Between mountains and fjords«

The Soul of the Landscape

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Perceiving nature with the Soul’s eye; etheric geography; in search of the harmony between ‘European folk souls’ with Dirk Kruse, Manfred Schleyer, Gunter Gebhard, Andreas Delor, Raphael Kleimann, Marianne Kleimann Sevåg, Unni Sekkesæter, Olav Jenssen u.a.

**Time:** Monday 8. to Saturday 13. August (return 13. or 14.). Some may also stay a little longer or shorter.  
**Costs:** 800 Euro

**Route:** We stay at Soleggen Fjellstue and og for day-excursions in the surrounding area

It is possible to leave during the week by bus or train.

**Accommodation:** Soleggen Fjellstue (like the first week), from there we take daytrips to nearby areas and special places in the landscape. Like also stave churches.

**Transport:** Driving together