



# Sun & Moon Colloquium

Three online sessions in English to explore East and West in us.

The human being of the East feels "I" and sees "World"; the I is the moon which reflects the world. The human being of the West thinks the "World" and radiates into the world of his own thought "I". The I is a sun which irradiates the world of pictures.

Rudolf Steiner: *East-West Aphorisms*

May 7, 2026, 13:30 - 15:00 CEST  
May 21, 2026, 13:30 - 15:00 CEST  
June 4, 2026, 13:30 - 15:00 CEST  
(19:30 - 21:00 in Taiwan, 20:30 - 22:00 in Japan)

Access Online-Meeting:

<https://goetheanum-ch.zoom.us/j/88932261500?pwd=4gpMWXQQ7wgNrqfYdbr3EGBVjkiuV.1>

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Each online session starts with an introduction to the topic, continues with a short dialogue between Shy Tyng Kai, Kai Iruma and Oliver Conradt and opens up in the last part to a discussion with all participants.

Do Steiner's ideas about East and West make sense to us living today in the different cultures of the world?

In view of the polarization and of the inner and outer conflicts that we daily encounter everywhere, from our workplace or family life to the ongoing wars and power games, we have been asking ourselves the question: Does what we are witnessing today have something to do with the West-East confrontation, which Rudolf Steiner pointed to after World War I, in 1922?

Now that Anthroposophy has spread from its centre in Europe to the periphery of the world, we observe that here too such encounters and confrontations are taking place. In order to consciously go through this process and possibly contribute to the mutual understanding both in the Anthroposophical movement and in all humanity, we propose to study these aphorisms by Steiner among people of different cultures and to share questions such as:

- Do these words still speak to us today?
- Can we feel "East and West" in each one of us?
- What does "East and West" truly mean?
- How does the realization of "East and West" contribute to the development of Anthroposophy?

Marie Steiner wrote in 1947 in the Afterword for the second edition of the book "East-West Confrontation" (Vienna Congress 1922):

The West–East world opposition is the most pressing problem of the present. The thoughts people form about it are everywhere inadequate — entangled and knotted together in economic interests and aspirations to power.

We sincerely hope that, through this sharing and mutual search for something that unites us in East and West, we could together find new perspectives for the world situation today.

Rudolf Steiner's Aphorisms in English:

[https://rsarchive.org/Articles/GA036/English/Singles/WEAphr\\_index.html](https://rsarchive.org/Articles/GA036/English/Singles/WEAphr_index.html)

The German original can be found in GA 83, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition 1981, Rudolf Steiner Verlag, pp. 361-372.

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