

Symposium



Masonic dialogue as a remedy for polarisation?

We live in times of polarisation in the public and private spheres and are witnessing increasing authoritarianism in politics in many countries in Europe and around the world.

These trends are in stark contrast to the Masonic values of universalism, tolerance, free thought and freedom of expression.

Authoritarianism is fundamentally incompatible with our values as Masons.

So what should and can we do as Freemasons?

How can we use Masonic symbols and practices to act as Freemasons in Europe?

We discuss possibilities and try to provide answers to these questions.

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Saturday, November 22, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Speakers:

Busscher, Jeroen

Worshipful Master, La Paix i.O. Amsterdam
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Ebeling, Gerhard

Worshipful Master, Friedrich zum weißen Pferde i.O. Hannover (<https://fzwp.org>)

Lemmens, Philip

Past Master, La Paix i.O. Amsterdam
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Dr. Meister, Christoph

Meister der Forschungsloge Quatuor Coronati
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Wormald, Gary

Grand Master Grand Lodge of British Freemasonry in Germany (<https://gl-bfg.org>)

Westhoff, Thorsten

Worshipful Master, Zum Goldenen Rade i.O. Osnabrueck (<https://www.freimaurerloge-osnabrueck.de>)

Agenda

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09:30	Entrance and Get together
10:30	Jeroen Busscher, Thorsten Westhoff Opening & Welcome
10:45	Philip Lemmens Setting the scene
11:15	Gerhard Ebeling "The compass and the megaphone: the broken public space and the search for a restaurative dialogue"
12:15	Gary Wormald "Integrity or influence? Freemasonry in a modern world"
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Dr. Christoph Meister "The common good and its significance for democracy and freemasonry"
14:30	World Café Brothers work out four topics in small workgroups
16:00	Presentation of the results from the workgroups
16:45	Philip Lemmens Closing
17:00	Apéro
17:30	Buffet
20:00	End of the Event

Registration

You can only register for the symposium via this link:

<https://pretix.eu/FzwP/Symposium2025/>

Registration deadline: November 21, 2025

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Payment:

Please pay the entrance fee of **50 €** on site.

Limiting:

The number of participants is limited to 90 attendees.

Organiser

Friedrich zum weißen Pferde

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Event Information

The Symposium will take place in

Freimaurerloge „Zum Goldenen Rade“
Lortzinghaus

An der Katharinenkirche 3, DE 49074 Osnabrueck



Directions

Your way to Osnabrueck

By Car: OPG Parkhaus Ledenhof-Garage

By Train: Osnabrueck Main-Station → Bus No. 16

Hotel recommendation:

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A get-together the night before is planned.

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Detailed information will follow shortly.

Dress code: Business Casual