

Founding Meeting and Symposium of the Society



**May 29 – June 1, 2019 in Waidhofen an der Thaya
in the Waldviertel district of Lower Austria**

The new society *Zentrum für BioKomplexität und NaturTeleologie* (<https://www.biocomplexity.at>) is an association of European, especially German speaking, scientists and philosophers, who are interested in the question of purpose and design in nature. The main focus is on the following questions: can philosophical naturalism and materialism plausibly explain all natural phenomena? Is the currently popular scientism scientifically and philosophically tenable? Is a teleological view of nature legit and supported by scientific evidence?

The *Zentrum für BioKomplexität & NaturTeleologie* is explicitly nonpartisan and interdenominational and does not pursue any political or religious agenda. Scientific research by the center is generally result-oriented and open-ended.

Main goals of the association are the coordination of research projects, the advancement of an objective, critical, and open discussion of naturalistic and teleological views of nature within academia, as well as raising public awareness about this subject in the German speaking world.

The *Zentrum für BioKomplexität & NaturTeleologie* is a donation-financed registered association seated in Austria. Its intended sphere of influence is Continental Europe with focus on the DACH region (D=Germany, A=Austria, CH=Switzerland) and the adjacent German speaking areas.

General Information

Participation is restricted to invited guests and their spouses.

Traveling costs (flight and train tickets Economy Class/2nd Cl., mileage allowance 0.3 €/km, transfers), hotel accommodation and meals (excl. alcoholic drinks) will be covered or reimbursed by the organizer for the invited guests.

The congress languages are German and English (preferably the latter).

Venue:

Stadthotel Waidhofen an der Thaya

Hauptplatz 25

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Internet: <https://stadthotel-wt.at/de/hotel/> (<https://stadthotel-wt.at/en/hotel/>)

The hotel has a 100 m² conference room (with screen and beamer) for up to 60 people, highspeed-WLAN in all rooms, hotel bar, and underground parking. Restaurants and historic center are close by in walking distance.

How to get there:

- by flight to Airport Vienna (VIE), transfer will be arranged
- by train to local station Schwarzenau im Waldviertel Bahnhof, transfer will be arranged
- by car to Waidhofen an der Thaya (e.g., from Germany to border crossing Passau, via Linz and Freistadt), parking in hotel underground garage

Confirmation of registration, lecture program, list of participants, and location plan will be mailed to you in April 2019.



Waidhofen an der Thaya



Stift Altenburg

Schedule

Wednesday May 29, 2019

arrival in the afternoon

17:00 icebreaker at hotel bar (also pick up of name tags and briefing pack)

18:00 lunch

Thursday May 30, 2019

8:00 breakfast

9:00-10:30 introduction

10:30-10:45 coffee break

10:45-12:00 presentations

12:30 lunch

14:00-17:00 constitutive general assembly with election of executive committee and discussion, 15:30-15:45 coffee break

(optional sightseeing tour by bus to the baroque Benedictine cloister Altenburg Abbey: <https://www.stift-altenburg.at>)

18:00 dinner

Friday May 31, 2019

8:00 breakfast

9:00-10:30 presentations

10:30-10:45 coffee break

10:45-12:00 presentations

12:30 lunch

14:00-17:00 presentations, 15:30-15:45 coffee break

18:00 dinner

Saturday June 1, 2019

9:30-10:30 panel discussion with thoughts about the future

afterwards departure



Registration

(please send by mail or E-Mail till March 31, 2019 to the contact address below)

Herewith I register for the founding meeting and symposium of the society *Zentrum für BioKomplexität und NaturTeleologie*, May 29 - June 1, 2019 in Waidhofen an der Thaya:

Title:

Surname: First Name:

Street:

Postal Code/City: /

Country:

Phone (with internat. area code):

E-Mail:

Profession:

Presentation (25 min. + 5 min. discussion): **yes /no**

Title:

(Topics: teleology in nature, critique of materialism and naturalism, ID theory)

I will be accompanied by my spouse / partner (full name):

I/we travel with:

Plane to *Airport Vienna (VIE)*: Flight number:

Arrival time:

Departure time:

Cost:

Train to local railway station *Schwarzenau im Waldviertel* Bahnhof:

Arrival time:

Departure time:

Cost:

Car to *Waidhofen an der Thaya*: Distance in kilometers (oneway): km

I need a Single Room: **yes /no**

Double Room: **yes /no**

I prefer vegetarian food: **yes /no**

Dietary restrictions/food allergies:

Reservation for sightseeing tour by bus to Altenburg Abbey for persons (only if you do not intend to participate at the society's general assembly on Thursday afternoon).

I am interested in a free founding membership in the society *Zentrum für BioKomplexität und Naturteleologie*: **yes /no**

(Membership is treated confidential, and includes the right to vote at the general assembly at the election of the executive committee)

Date: Signature:

Contact (organizers)



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