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UNIVERSAL SUFISM

If anybody asks you, "What is Sufism?" ... you may answer: "Sufism is the religion of the heart, the religion in which the most important thing is to seek God in the heart of humanity."

HAZRAT INAYAT KHAN

The heart is the wellspring of our deepest motivations, a container for love. The goal of Sufism is to develop the capacity of the heart – the capacity to hold all the complexities of life in a matrix of love – and to discover the divinity inherent in all of creation.

Sufism is not a religion in the sense of being a system of beliefs, separable from other religions, but a school of experience focused on the cultivation of the heart and the deepening of awareness through the practice of prayer, meditation and spiritual inquiry.

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Pir Zia Inayat-Khan is a scholar and teacher of Sufism in the lineage of his grandfather, Hazrat Inayat Khan. He received his B.A. (Hons) in Persian Literature from the London School of Oriental and African Studies, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Religion from Duke University.

Pir Zia is president of the Inayati Order (formerly known as the Sufi Order International) and founder of *Suluk Academy*, a school of contemplative study with branches in the United States and Europe. He lives with his wife and two children in Richmond, Virginia.

For further information see

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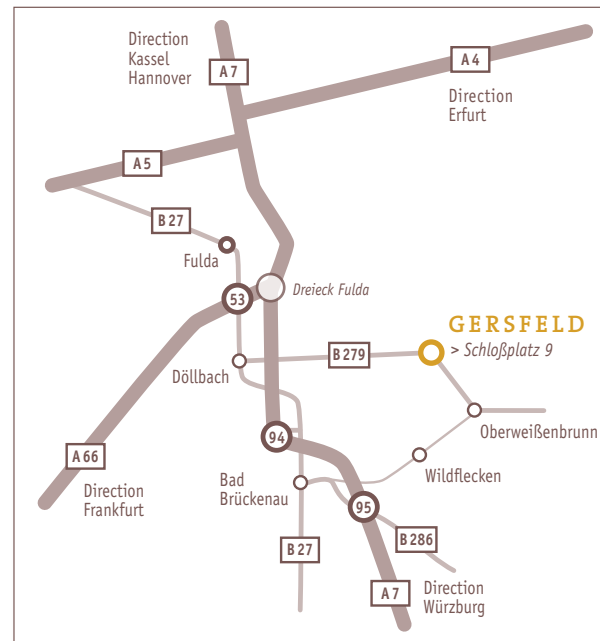
ARRIVAL:

Gersfeld is situated in the beautiful low mountain range Rhön in the heart of Germany. The Rhön is an UNESCO biosphere reservation.

By train: ICE to Fulda, then Regionalbahn to Gersfeld.

By car:

- // Coming from the *south* via A7 to exit 95 (Bad Brückenau/ Wildflecken), then following B 286 direction Wildflecken, turn right to follow direction Bischofsheim a.d.R./Wildflecken. In Oberweißenbrunn take the B 279 to Gersfeld.
- // Coming from the *north* via A7 up to junction Dreieck Fulda, take the A66 to exit 53 (Fulda Süd), follow the B27 until Döllbach, then take the B279 to Gersfeld/ Bischofsheim.



ACCOMMODATION:

With the confirmation of your registration we will send you a list of hotels and guesthouses of Gersfeld. You can also order it at the *tourist-information* or make an *online booking*:
Brückenstrasse 1 // D-36129 Gersfeld // Germany
phone +49 (0) 6654 1780
tourist-info@gersfeld.de // www.gersfeld.de

Beds in the dormitory of the Gersfeld youth hostel are available at a low price.

Please contact *Nura Silvia Kunkies* for further information:
Phone +49 (0) 5506 999 11 69 // seminare@inayatiorden.de
(It is not possible to stay in the town hall (Stadthalle) overnight.)



Der Inayati-Orden

A Sufi Path of Spiritual Liberty

EASTERSEMINAR 2019

Inner Body – Inner Universe

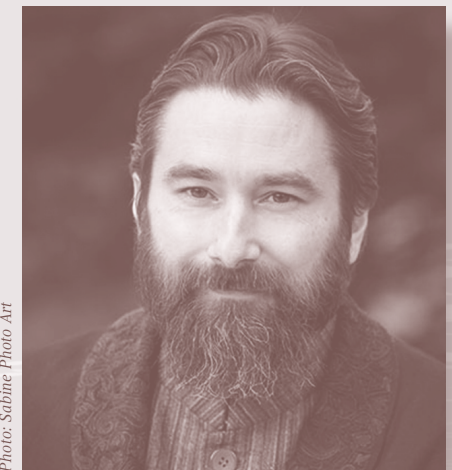


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*Discourse, meditation, music
and interfaith worship*

WITH SUFI TEACHER PIR ZIA INAYAT KHAN

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HOLY THURSDAY UNTIL EASTER MONDAY

April 18th – 22nd 2019

STADTHALLE GERSFELD (RHÖN)

INNER BODY – INNER UNIVERSE

Hidden within the body is a body of light.

When it opens its eyes it looks out on an inner universe.

*To see the outer world and inner world interpenetrate
is to behold the larger story of existence.*

The unveiling of that story brings the heart to life.

*By means of the wakened heart, the terrestrial is
spiritualized, the celestial is materialized,
and the immanence of the Beloved is tasted.*

*In this retreat, through breath, chant, meditation and
sacred music, we will delve within, reemerge, and chart
a path from the finite to the infinite and back again.*

PIR ZIA INAYAT KHAN



PIR ZIA INAYAT-KHAN will explore with us our human and our divine potential as expressed through the teachings of his grandfather, Hazrat Pir-o-Murshid Inayat Khan, spiritual teacher, renowned Indian musician and founder of the Sufi Order International (now named after the founder *The Inayati-Order*), and the teachings of his father, spiritual teacher Hazrat Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan. WWW.PIRZIA.ORG

ISCHTAR DVORÁK will conduct practices that deepen Pir Zia's teachings thus creating a container of shared experiences. Tools are being offered to relate spiritual insights to one's own being, one's situation in life and daily routine.

Ishtar Dvořák is a psychotherapist and leader of the *Esoteric School* in Germany and a teacher in the *Suluk-Akademie*.

ZUMURRUD BUTTA is deeply rooted in the Sufi path of Hazrat Inayat Khan and Ibn 'Arabi. She will begin the days with the participants with the early morning meditation. Zumurrud Butta is a teacher in the *Suluk-Akademie*. She works in the field of human rights.

Alev Aliye Kowalzik, Ophiel and Sangita van Leer and Mehmet Ungan will accompany the seminar musically.

BEGINNING: Holy Thursday, April 18th, 2019, 10 a.m.

Doors open 8:30 a.m

Stadthalle Gersfeld

Schloßplatz 9,

D-36129 Gersfeld (Rhön), Germany

END: April, 22nd, 2019, at noon

FEES:

// Seminar	295 €
// Reduced	260 €
// Rate per day / Rate per day members	80 € / 70 €
// Early booking discount (until March 15 th)	minus 20 €
// Sponsorship addition	plus €

REDUCTIONS:

Apply to members of the Inayati-Order, unemployed and persons with low income. Further reduction is possible if asked for in advance. Young people up to 28 years old are asked for a donation.

Participation in the interreligious worship on Easter Monday from 10–12 a.m. is free of charge, guests are very welcome!

CHILD CARE:

We offer a special program for children from age 2–12. A pre-registration of the children is much-needed.

CATERING:

The restaurant in the Stadthalle Gersfeld offers inexpensive vegetarian and vegan meals during the seminar.

DONATION:

To allow others a low-priced participation an additional fee may be paid. A donation receipt can be issued. Any amount is very welcome. Many thanks!

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS:

If you cancel until March, 31st, we only charge a handling fee of 20 Euro. If you cancel later, arrive too late, or have to leave earlier, no refund is possible.

REGISTRATION:

(only via 'Der Inayati-Orden Deutschland e.V.' secretariat, Jochen Javid Lieb, see below)

It is generally recommended to sign up in advance. We gratefully receive every registration because it facilitates our preparations.

All early bookers receive a confirmation of receipt of payment, which is valid as an entrance ticket and can be changed easily at the *green table* into an entrance button.

All preregistered participants pay cash at the *yellow table* to receive their entrance button.

All participants who register on-site fill out a registration form first and then pay cash at the *red table* to receive their entrance button.

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