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For Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, the essence of colour expresses itself in dialogue: in the dialogue between light and dark, in the dialogue between experiments and, most importantly, in human dialogue. This joint issue of *Holistic Science Journal* and *The Field Centre Journal of Research and Practice* is an expression of this multifaceted dialogue on colour. This issue is also the expression of a particular dialogue that began between us when we first met at the Experience Colour exhibition in Stourbridge in 2018, where Troy had organized a conference bringing together experts in the field of Goethean science.

Troy is doing research on the historical and philosophical development of a holistic approach to colour at Humboldt University of Berlin and is an associate researcher at The Field Centre. The Field Centre, in Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, acts as a hub for collaborative research into Ruskin Mill Trust's educational method and its underpinning influences of Goethe and Rudolf Steiner. Philip is the founding editor of *Holistic Science Journal* and taught on the Holistic Science MSc at Schumacher College in Devon for the best part of the last decade alongside pioneers of holistic science, such as Margaret Colquhoun, Brian Goodwin and Henri Bortoft.

Given our interests and where we first met, it was natural that our discussions, and subsequently this issue, focused on the topic of colour. Colour is where we believe the holistic expression of nature is most visible; it wears its polarity on its sleeve. We have included colour experiments so that readers can see this for themselves. Moreover, we feel that the scientific, historical and philosophical context of an holistic approach to science is particularly perspicuous in the realm of colour. Thus, a consideration of the history of colour science facilitates a deeper understanding of holistic science and its purpose; for when we look at the history of colour science, as Goethe did in the third part of his monumental *Farbenlehre*, we see not only nature reflected back, but also ourselves — as we were, as we are, and as we can become.

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