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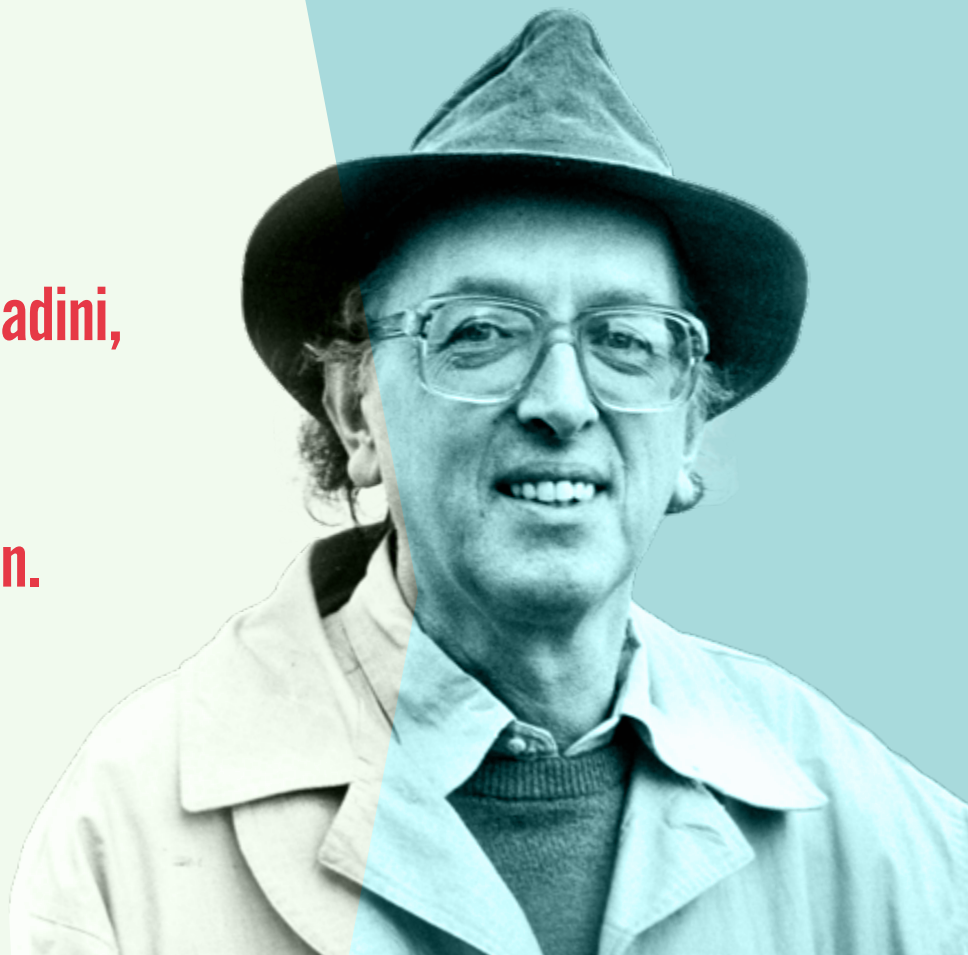
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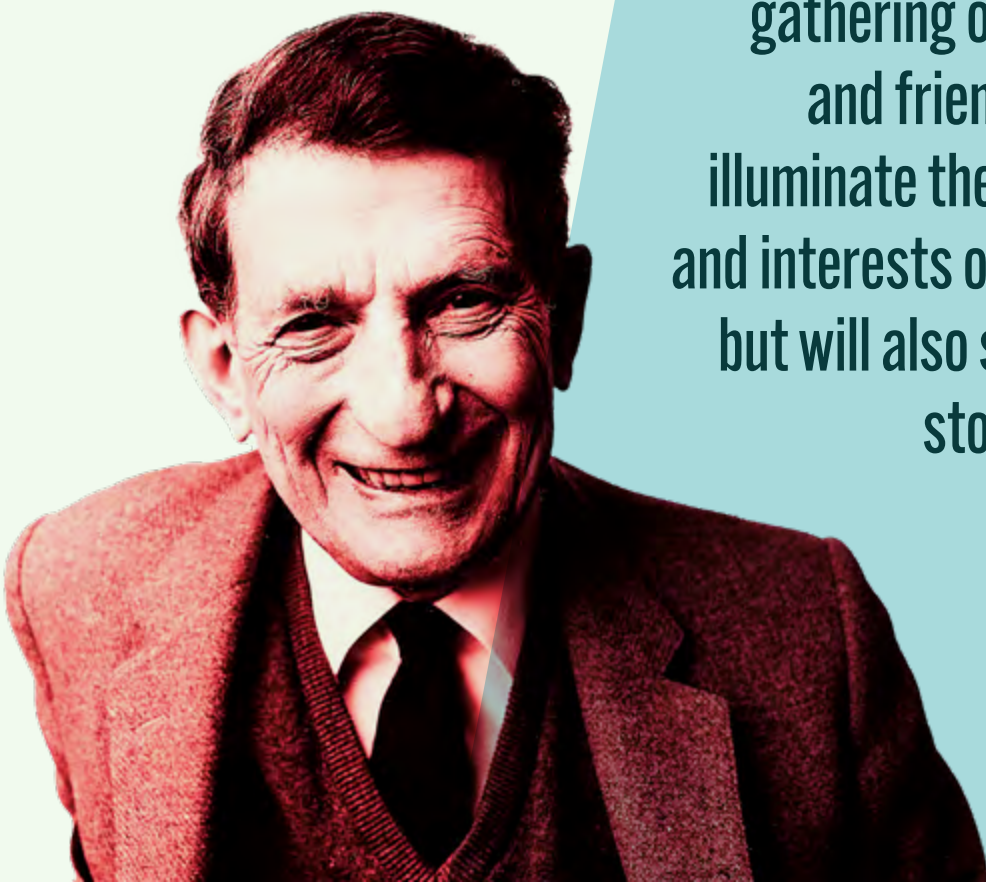


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Dates

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Location

Pari, Tuscany, Italy

Presenters

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Basil Hiley, Paul Howard, Melissa Nelson,
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Event

**The event starts with a welcome dinner
on Friday May 23 at 19:00 and ends
after lunch on Friday May 30**

Fee

2175,00 euros, which includes:

- a 7-night stay in private accommodation
- breakfast, lunch and dinner at the local restaurant featuring locally sourced produce and traditional dishes
- water, wine and coffee served with lunch and dinner
- programmed lectures, activities and materials

The event

This week-long celebration will be a gathering of former colleagues and friends of the two Davids who will not only illuminate the wide-ranging work and interests of the two physicists but will also share their personal stories and anecdotes. It will be a week dedicated to examining the legacy of both Davids.

David Bohm was the maverick physicist who proposed an alternative approach to the conventional version of quantum theory, as well as suggesting that a new Implicate Order lay behind what could be thought of as our surface perception of reality. Bohm's ideas extended well beyond theoretical physics and included reflections on the nature of creativity and the order of society and the individual. The presenters we have gathered will also look at the personal life of David Bohm, his relationship with J. Robert Oppenheimer; his encounter with the House Un-American Activities; his friendship with Krishnamurti; the dialogue process he proposed which he felt could bring about a transformation in the individual and society; and his crucial meeting with the indigenous people of North America at the end of his life.

F. David Peat was a researcher in theoretical physics when he spent a life-changing sabbatical year with David Bohm at Birkbeck College, University of London. The two physicists wrote *Science, Order and Creativity*. Peat wrote more than 20 books and numerous essays on a wide range of topics and had a particular interest in synchronicity and indigenous knowledge. He also wrote the biography of David Bohm *Infinite Potential*. In 2000 he founded the Pari Center as a congenial location where people can meet to think, learn and explore ideas. It was here that he fully developed his concepts of Gentle Action and Creative Suspension.

Join us at the Pari Center as we journey through the fertile and rewarding lives of the two Davids.

David Bohm

DAVID BOHM has been described as one of the most significant and original thinkers of the twentieth century whose interests and influence extend well beyond the fields of physics to include philosophy, psychology, language, religion, art, dialogue, thought and education. Underlying his innovative approach to these many different disciplines was the fundamental idea that beyond the visible, tangible world there lies a deeper, implicate order of undivided wholeness.

As a physicist Bohm's radical theories challenged the orthodox Copenhagen Interpretation of Quantum Theory and in its place made the alternative proposal of Hidden Variables, as well as his later developments of the Quantum Potential. He was also an explorer of mind and consciousness, language, perception, creativity and dialogue. He had close relationships with the Indian teacher Krishnamurti and, later in life, the Dalai Lama. In the 1960s, he exchanged four thousand pages of correspondence with the American abstract artist Charles Biederman that discussed the nature of the creative process and questions of order, perception and consciousness. In the final year of his life, he was invited to join a circle of Native American elders and Western scientists and was struck by their process-based worldview of constant flux and change whose metaphysics strongly mirrored his own.

In 1980 he published his seminal work *Wholeness and the Implicate Order* in which he suggested that all the phenomena that appear in the world—whether fundamental particles or thoughts in the mind—emerge out of a deeper order of reality, their character varying according to the context. At its deepest level, he maintained, reality is an 'unbroken whole,' and he made this the basis of his work in every sphere. In later life he felt that transformation in society could be brought about by dialogue and today Bohmian dialogues are held throughout the world.



F. David Peat

F. DAVID PEAT was a theoretical physicist, writer, and teacher who founded the Pari Center in 2000. He wrote more than 20 books on such diverse topics as quantum physics, synchronicity, superstrings, artificial intelligence, film and reality, creativity, chaos theory, indigenous knowledge, and his original concepts of Gentle Action and Creative Suspension, a new form of intelligent, compassionate and mild action that flows from the entire field of meaning in which a particular individual, society or organization is a part. His books have been translated into 24 languages and his numerous essays and articles are freely available in the online library on the Pari Center website.



Following a sabbatical year spent with David Bohm his research focused on the foundations of quantum theory and a non-unitary approach to the quantum measurement problem. They eventually co-authored the book *Science, Order and Creativity* and were working on a second book, *The Order Between and Beyond*, at the time of Bohm's death.

Peat continued to promote the work of David Bohm in seminars and courses at the Pari Center and in his writings. In 1997 he published the biography *Infinite Potential: The Life and Times of David Bohm* and subsequently co-wrote the documentary film, *Infinite Potential: The Life and Work of David Bohm*. Peat did not live to see its release, but he is acknowledged as the co-writer and the film is dedicated to him.

While living in Canada, Peat organized discussion circles between Western scientists and Native American Elders to which David Bohm was invited. While living in London he spent much of his time talking to artists and psychologists and organized a conference between artists and scientists which was instrumental in his founding of the Pari Center. The Center fosters an interdisciplinary approach linking science, the arts, ethics, community, and the sacred. within the ambience of a medieval village.

What a typical day looks like

8:30 - 9:30	breakfast
10:00 - 13:00	formal presentation (including a half-hour break)
13:00	lunch
16:00 - 19:00	presentation or interactive/workshop session
20:00	dinner
21:00	free time (retire to your accommodation for quiet time, engage in informal discussions, or, if there is a village event such as music in the piazza, join in)

For those seeking opportunities for interaction between participants and presenters (ratio around one to four!), these occur not just in the more formal presentations—which will allow time for discussion and Q&A—but also at the workshops, mealtimes, and during the free time.



‘The future has an ancient heart.’

CARLO LEVI

Our founder David Peat compared Pari to an alchemical vessel—a place where transformation can come about—as well as an opportunity to pause for a moment and re-assess one’s life. Participating in an event at the Pari Center means not only meeting with scholars and experts but living for a week in a medieval village, mingling with the local population, eating local dishes and drinking local wines. It also means being able to view the beauty of the surrounding countryside, and participating in a very gentle way of life far from the frenzy of work and city living.

Pari today continues in a remarkable state of preservation. In the 1950s Pari’s population began to drop from 1500 to the present 100 as people left to find work in the cities. The Pari Center maintains a close relationship with the village people and supports the local economy by renting accommodation—furnished apartments—on behalf of our participants, by having the local restaurant provide meals, and by supporting the local businesses.

Pari is located a few kilometers from the main superstrada that connects Siena to Grosseto. The nearest airports are Rome, Florence and Pisa. Once you have arranged your flight, we can guide you on the best means of travelling to the village.



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