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In 1930, when Rabindranath Tagore met Paul and Edith Geheeb in Germany, they formed a fruitful and long-term association resulting in the exchange of ideas and vision. Tagore's Brahmāchārya Āshram, founded in 1901 in Sāntiniketan, and the Geheeb's Odenwaldschule, established in Germany in 1910 (thereafter the Ecole d'Humanité in Switzerland, established in 1934 after the couple fled Nazi Germany), emerged from vastly different cultural backgrounds and social exigencies. Yet, they recognized striking similarities between their educational endeavours. The meeting also initiated a close association between India and Germany, with the Geheeb's attracting many Indian intellectuals and Indophile Germans to their schools.

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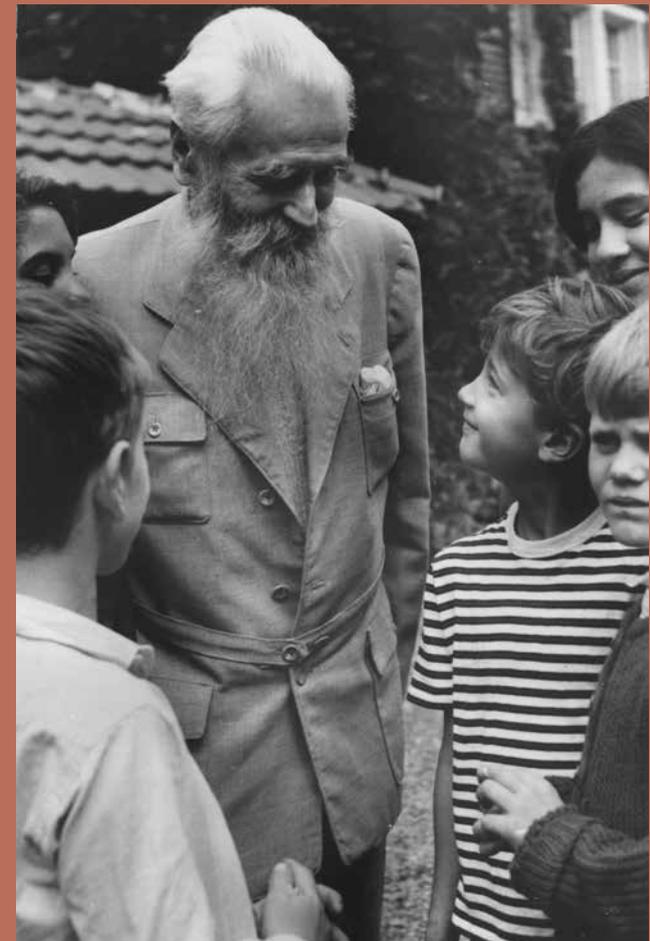
Rabindranath Tagore Meets Paul and Edith Geheeb

This book explores the areas where the lives of the Geheeb's and Tagore, and their respective circles, overlap. Rather than being a biography, a history, or a comprehensive description, this study is a comparison of Tagore and the Geheeb's and their schools. Making use of the repository of unpublished correspondence available at the Ecole's archive, the author studies the Indo-German cultural exchanges in the early twentieth century that were initiated by these three educators and their pedagogical vision.

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Front cover image: Paul Geheeb among his students.
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Back cover image: Rabindranath Tagore and Paul Geheeb in Germany in 1930.
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