

Welcome Reception: Villa Clara Cram

We are delighted to welcome you to Bioceramics 36. Please join us for the Welcome Reception from **7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at the iconic **Villa Clara Cram** of the deGruyter Foundation in Lichterfelde Ost (Herwarthstraße 14, 12207 Berlin). We look forward to seeing you there to make new contacts and reconnect with old acquaintances.

Key History & Background

- **Origin:** Built in 1913 and acquired in 1931 by Herbert and Clara Cram (née de Gruyter), the eldest daughter of publisher Walter de Gruyter.
- **Family Linchpin:** Clara hosted prominent literary and academic salons for Walter de Gruyter Publishers and maintained modern intellectual views despite her conservative surroundings.
- **Refuge and Legacy:** The grand estate served as a vital anchor for the extended family, welcoming 21 grandchildren before Clara's passing in 1984.
- **Modern Era:** Preserved and transformed into a conference venue and workspace by De Gruyter Brill, with its rooms named after Clara and Herbert Cram's daughters. Their oldest son Kurt-Georg turned deGruyter into an internationally renowned publishing house after World War II and established offices in New York and Tokyo
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