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**Einstein and Lorentz (The Robert H. Dicke Lecture)**

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Einstein and H.A. Lorentz were linked with close ties of friendship. Einstein called Lorentz a “living work of art” and Lorentz had deep admiration for Einstein’s genius. In my talk I will further analyse the personal relationship between the two men. I will also discuss the historical relation between H.A. Lorentz’s electron theory and special relativity, especially the question to what extent Lorentz can be considered a forerunner to Einstein.