

## **NEWSLETTER 4**

### **Academy HAGIA Program 2020**



## **HAGIA. International Academy for Modern Matriarchal Studies and Matriarchal Spirituality**

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## 1. Intensive Study Course, in English (online)

The aim of the Intensive Study Courses of the Academy HAGIA is to promote a deep and detailed understanding of matriarchal societies past and present, and to provide the full range of topics included within modern Matriarchal Studies (see below). It is a high-level course in this field, based on scholarly work.

Once participants have completed an Intensive Study Course successfully, they are entitled to work as a “Lecturer on modern Matriarchal Studies” (Certificate).

The Intensive Study Courses at the Academy HAGIA run for two years, with six teaching modules every year. Every two months a teaching module takes place, each one from Saturday, all day (from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.) to Sunday, half a day (from 10 a.m. until noon). Coffee breaks and lunch break are included.

This Intensive Study Course is the 7<sup>th</sup> to be organized and taught at the Academy HAGIA. It will begin in January 2022, and the application and enrolment procedures will take place during 2021.

It includes six teaching modules in 2022 and the following six teaching modules in 2023; one finalizing module will take place in 2024.

The deadline for application is October 31, 2021.

Bookings can only be accepted for the entire Intensive Study Course; it is not possible to book single teaching modules.

The fee for each teaching module is 180 Euros.



Magna Mater,  
 painted by Lydia Ruyle,  
 from a Roman sculpture

**These fields of knowledge are covered by the Intensive Study Course:**

- Contemporary matriarchal societies worldwide
- Matriarchal societies in the past (West Asia and Europe)
- Matriarchal mythology
- Matriarchal symbolism and art
- Matriarchal medicine
- History of matriarchal cultures and the rise of patriarchy
- The vision of a new matriarchal society and matriarchal politics today
- Exercises in how to defend modern Matriarchal Studies (training in good reasoning)

The Intensive Study Course is guided by Dr. Heide Goettner-Abendroth. The field of Matriarchal Medicine is taught by Cécile Keller (physician).

See our website: [www.hagia.de](http://www.hagia.de) (in English)

A basic book for the Intensive Study Course is:

***Matriarchal Societies. Studies on Indigenous Cultures across the Globe***

by Heide Goettner-Abendroth. Publisher: Peter Lang, New York, 2013 (paperback).

Please send your order to [customerservice@plang.com](mailto:customerservice@plang.com) (for the U.S.)

You can also order the book at [akademiehagia@aol.com](mailto:akademiehagia@aol.com) (for Europe)

Detailed program: If you are seriously interested, please ask for the detailed program of the 7<sup>th</sup> Intensive Study Course, providing your email address and full postal address.

## **2. Conference in Berlin, March 20 and 21, 2021**

**March 20, 2021:**

**Day focusing on the Matriarchal Economy**

MatriForum Berlin, founded by Martina Engel-Fuerstberger, Andrea Fleckinger, Anna Pixner, and Simone Plaza, has organized a day dedicated to the subject of alternative economies. They are critical of the patriarchal ideology of “growth at all costs,” and the dominant machinery of money. The focus is on alternative economies, derived from the example of matriarchal societies which show us an economy of a better way to live. This contributes to a broader perspective, which is necessary for a paradigm shift.

Among other lecturers, Heide Goettner-Abendroth will speak about the matriarchal economy and a vision of a new society. The aim is to create and maintain a way of life that is free from violence and based on reciprocity and balance. Some aspects of how this might be achieved in practical terms will be outlined.

All presentations will be in German and will be translated into English.

**March 21, 2021:**

**Political Day to celebrate the 80th Birthday of Heide Goettner-Abendroth**

The second day of the conference, March 21, 2021, is a political day dedicated to celebrating the 80th birthday of Heide Goettner-Abendroth. Throughout her life, she has researched the egalitarian, peaceable patterns of matriarchal societies worldwide and founded modern Matriarchal Studies through her scholarly work. Based on this, she has formulated a profound critique of the present situation and made political proposals that offer practical solutions to the most pressing problems of today. Her magnum opus has been translated into several languages. She had led three world congresses on Matriarchal Studies and Matriarchal Politics and lectures in Europe and on other continents.

Some of her colleagues and friends from several countries have been invited to celebrate this day with her. They will speak about their own research as well as the scholarly and political work of Heide Goettner-Abendroth, revealing the inspirations and insights it has given them. The international guest speakers will also comment on the political consequences of Heide's work.

This invitation has been accepted by: Genevieve Vaughan (USA), Barbara Mann (Iroquois, USA), Joan Marler (USA), Joan Cichon (USA), Kaarina Kailo (Finland), Erella Shadmi (Israel), Lin Daniels (USA), Francesca Rosati Freeman (French Switzerland), Luciana Percovich (Italy), Sandra Capri (Italy), Nicoletta Cocchi (Italy), Luisa Vicinelli (Italy), Mary Condren (Ireland), and Letecia Layson (USA).

All speeches will be given in English and will be translated into German.

To register as a participant, visit: [www.matriforum.com](http://www.matriforum.com)

### **3. Worldwide Bibliography on Matriarchal Studies**

#### **“Matriarchal Studies – Matriarchatsforschung”**

Created by Barbara Mann and Heide Goettner-Abendroth

This new website has been planned for quite a long time at the Academy HAGIA, and it is now complete and available online. It includes a unique bibliography of Modern Matriarchal Studies in English and German.

Each title mentioned has been provided with a short comment, so that the origin and development of traditional and modern Matriarchal Studies can be followed up. The first part of the bibliography focuses on anthropology. Here publications can be found in which matriarchal societies and societies with matriarchal elements,

worldwide, have been researched and presented: in Africa, the Americas, East Asia, and Australia. The second part of the bibliography is dedicated to the history of cultures. This part contains archaeological publications and those concerned with the history of cultures which have contributed to our knowledge about matriarchal societies in history: in this case for the continents of West Asia and Europe.

The Oxford University Press (USA) already published this comprehensive bibliography in 2015 and updated it in 2019. In 2019, it was translated into German and is now available in both languages.

Licensed by Oxford University Press, it has now been published once again and free of charge as a gift to scholars and people interested in modern Matriarchal Studies. It is an excellent academic tool for further research on matriarchal societies.

See:

[www.matriarchalstudies.com](http://www.matriarchalstudies.com)

[www.matriarchatsforschung.com](http://www.matriarchatsforschung.com)

#### **4. Matriarchal Manifesta**

The Matriarchal Manifesta has been published in German, English, and Italian, and will soon be published in French and Spanish. (We call it “Manifesta” because it has been developed by women.) It is a small booklet published by Edition HAGIA, 2019.

The Manifesta includes the most important principles of Matriarchal Politics, which are based on modern Matriarchal Studies. These are also elaborated on and broadened out to a vision of a modern matriarchal society. It is the only political vision created by women which includes all levels of society and also presents a global perspective.

In the last part, direct practical guidelines are given for achieving this goal. They start from the situation of women worldwide that is researched and published every year by the UNO (United Nations Organization). These guidelines are concrete and completely up-to-date.

You can order the MANIFESTA at: [akademiehagia@aol.com](mailto:akademiehagia@aol.com)

#### **5. Review on lectures in 2019 and 2020**

##### **Toronto, Canada:**

In April 2019, a conference on “Motherhood Studies” took place in Toronto, at YORK University. Heide Goettner-Abendroth lectured there and demonstrated that motherhood in matriarchal societies is conceptualized completely differently than in patriarchal societies. She gave a second lecture on the topic of matriarchal politics at the OISE University, Toronto.

**Trento, Italy:**

In the beginning of May 2019, she again presented the principles of matriarchal politics at Levico Terme near Trento. Her following seminar on the practical way to achieve matriarchal politics was well attended by women and men, who engaged in a lively discussion and intend to implement some practices of matriarchal politics in their communities.

Cécile Keller presented her research on matriarchal medicine.

**Vienna, Austria:**

In July 2019, Heide was invited to give a keynote speech on modern Matriarchal Studies at the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna. An international group of art professors and artists organized the event. More than 200 participants attended, and Heide was overwhelmed by the enormous interest and warm welcome she received.

Heide at her lecture in Vienna,  
Photo: Maresa Jung



In mid September, an international conference of regional archaeologists followed, organized by the same artist group. This focused on the findings related to the famous Austrian goddess figurines, which Heide framed within the matriarchal societies of that time, making a link between archaeology and modern Matriarchal Studies.

**Munich, Germany, and Zurich, Switzerland:**

In August and October 2019, Heide presented her new book on past matriarchal societies and the rise of patriarchy (in German) at the Women's bookstore in Munich and at a seminar in Zurich.

**Paris, France:**

In September 2019, the French publishing house "des femmes" invited Heide to the launch party of her book "Matriarchal Societies. Studies on Indigenous Cultures across the Globe" in French. This was a festive event with more than 100 participants.



Heide and Cécile  
with women from  
“des femmes” .

The women publishers from “des femmes” have done and continue to do excellent work to promote modern Matriarchal Studies in France. The meeting took place in a very cordial atmosphere.

#### **“Matriarchal Studies Day”, USA**

On March 15, 2020, Heide gave a lecture at the “Matriarchal Studies Day” in Santa Ana Pueblo. This was a more personal speech on modern Matriarchal Studies as she talked about the beginning and her experiences with the topic, as well as presenting the basic patterns of matriarchy and the structure of modern Matriarchal Studies, and mentioning her future plans.

As the borders of the USA were closed because of the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, she sent a film including these topics to the event, and it was accepted very positively.

## **6. Books in English and other languages**

The anthropological part of Heide Goettner-Abendroth’s magnum opus, in which she presented the matriarchal societies that still exist worldwide (originally in German), has been translated and published in several languages:

#### In English

*Matriarchal Societies. Studies on Indigenous Cultures across the Globe*,  
New York 2012/2013, Peter Lang.

#### In Italian

*Le Società Matriarcali. Studi sulle Culture Indigene del Mondo*,  
Rome 2014, Venexia.

#### In Spanish

*Sociedades Matriarcales.*  
*Estudios sobre las culturas indígenas alrededor del mundo*  
 Mexico 2017, Casa del Mago.

In French

*Les sociétés matriarcales.*  
*Recherches sur les cultures autochtones à travers le monde*  
 Paris 2019, des femmes.

The papers from the “World Congresses on Matriarchal Studies”, presented by scholars and indigenous researchers from many countries, have been published in: *Societies of Peace. Matriarchies Past, Present and Future*, Toronto, Canada, 2009, Inanna Press, York University.

A small selection of the papers of *Societies of Peace* has been published in Italian: *Società di pace. Matriarcati del passato, presente e futuro*, Rome 2018, Castelvecchi.

**Films in English:**

*Societies in Balance*

Documentary of the First World Congress on Matriarchal Studies, Luxembourg 2003.  
 By Uschi Madeisky and Gudrun Frank-Wissmann, 84 minutes

*Celebrating the Year of the Earth*

A poetic presentation of the Matriarchal Mystery Festivals at the Academy HAGIA.  
 By Uschi Madeisky and Gudrun Frank-Wissmann, 90 minutes

All books and films mentioned are presented on the website:

[www.goettner-abendroth.de](http://www.goettner-abendroth.de)

They are available at the Academy HAGIA: [akademiehagia@aol.com](mailto:akademiehagia@aol.com)

**Honoring Heide’s work in anthologies:**

We are glad to announce that Heide’s name and work have been included in two important anthologies to honor her commitment to women and matriarchal societies:

- in the French encyclopedia *Dictionnaire des Créatrices*, alongside Marija Gimbutas, published 2015 in Paris, des femmes.
- in the book *Foremothers of the Women’s Spirituality Movement. Elders and Visionaries* (edited by Miriam Robbins Dexter and Vicki Noble), published 2015 in Amherst, New York.

## 7. Matriarchal Studies Yahoo Group

In 2005, a listserv dedicated to modern Matriarchal Studies was created, in which we promote the discussion of this topic and related fields. This is the “Matriarchal Studies Yahoo Group”.



If you'd like to be included, please send us your email address and a short statement about yourself and your particular areas of interests related to modern Matriarchal Studies.

We will then send you an invitation so you can log in and join us.

## **8. Association and Fund for Modern Matriarchal Studies**

### **Association of the Academy HAGIA**

#### Membership

We would like to invite you to become a member of the "Association of the Academy HAGIA". The many activities of the independent Academy HAGIA are only possible thanks to the generous support of the association's members. Every new member is important for us and very welcome.

The minimum annual subscription is 70 Euros.

The account of the Association is:

Germany and EU: Raiffeisenbank D-94577 Winzer, Passauer Str. 62  
 IBAN-Code: DE30 7416 1608 0000 0512 92  
 BIC-Code : GENODEF 1HBW

Other countries: please send it via Paypal

### **The Fund**

We started this fund as a part of the Association of the Academy HAGIA in order to support modern Matriarchal Studies. It is a challenge to spread this new field of research internationally because expensive translations in various languages have to be carried out and lecture tours have to be organized.

We would be grateful for any donations that would enable us to perform these exciting tasks.

The account number of the fund is:

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We send our kindest regards to all of you, and wish you a plentiful and very happy 2020!

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