

NEWSLETTER 6

Academy HAGIA Program 2025



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1.1. New Extensive Study Course in English, 2026-2027, Online via Zoom

The aim of the Academy HAGIA Extensive Study Courses is to promote a deep and detailed understanding of matriarchal societies both past and present, as well as to cover 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 Extensive Study Course successfully, they are entitled to work as a “Lecturer on Modern Matriarchal Studies” (Certificate).

The Extensive Study Courses at the Academy HAGIA run for two years. One teaching session is held every two months, over the course of a weekend: four hours on Saturday and four hours on Sunday, with a 20-minute break.

The Extensive Study Course 2026-2027 is the 9th to be organized and taught at the Academy HAGIA. **It will start in January 2026.**

It includes six teaching sessions in 2026 and another six teaching sessions in 2027. The finalizing session will take place in 2027.

Application and enrolment are now open!

The deadline for applications is November 30, 2025.

Registration can only be accepted for the entire Extensive Study Course; it is not possible to book single teaching sessions.

The fee for each teaching session (a weekend) is 190 Euros.

The following fields of knowledge are covered by the Extensive Study Course:

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

The Extensive Study Course is guided by Dr. Heide Goettner-Abendroth.

Assistant teachers are Mara S. Carneiro and André Mafra.

The field of Matriarchal Medicine is taught by Cécile Keller (physician).

See our website: www.hagia.de/EN (in English)

Key reading list for the Intensive Study Course:

- *Matriarchal Societies. Studies on Indigenous Cultures across the Globe* by Heide Goettner-Abendroth. New York, 2013, Peter Lang (paperback).
- *Matriarchal Societies of the Past and the Rise of Patriarchy. West Asia and Europe*
By Heide Goettner-Abendroth. New York, 2022, Peter Lang (hardcover).

These can be ordered via the publisher orders@peterlang.com or Amazon.

Detailed program:

If you are seriously interested, please ask for the detailed program of the 9th Extensive Study Course, providing both your email and postal address.

1.2. Short Course (2 weekends)

Short Course on Modern Matriarchal Studies, June 28/29 and July 12/13, 2025

In English with Portuguese translation

During these two weekends, a short course on matriarchy and modern Matriarchal Societies will take place, taught by the renowned German philosopher Heide Goettner-Abendroth, one of the world's leading experts on the subject. The aim of this course is to dispel misconceptions about matriarchal societies.

This 16-hour course will be divided into two weekends. Participation will be confirmed by Academy HAGIA. It is dedicated to disseminating the knowledge accumulated over decades about matriarchal societies.

Lecturer: Heide Goettner-Abendroth

When: June 28/29 and July 12/13, 2025

Where: Online via Zoom

Costs: €594 (If you need special financial conditions, contact the organizers.)

Limited places

For enrolment and further information, contact the organizers

mara.carneiro@derosemethod.org and andre.mafra@derosemethod.org

2. “Matriarchy Now!”

Non-violent Matriarchal Coalition and Activism

Inspired and informed by the wisdom of contemporary and historical matriarchal societies, we strive to spread matriarchal values and inspire to take action to bring about matriarchal social patterns.

We are an alliance of several organizations recognizing our shared mission to move society towards matriarchy. We are committed to fostering a future guided by balance and respect for life. Our mission is to empower all genders to co-create a world that honors the Earth and humanity's interconnectedness.

We will present with actions of *Matriarchy Now!* in the open air and on the streets

- at the festival "Matriarchy for Future", Kasteel de Berckt, Venlo, The Netherlands, on Saturday, July 5, 9-10 a.m.
- at the FILIA Feminist Conference in Brighton/U.K., October 10 - 12, at the end of the conference.

See our website: www.matriarchy-now.com

3. Conferences, Lectures and Activism in 2025

3.1. "Matriarchy for Future" Festival, July 3 - 6, 2025 Kasteel de Berckt, Venlo, The Netherlands

The "Matriarchy for Future" Festival stands for diversity and openness. The caring and nurturing principle is at the center and is the basis for developing effectively in life. Life in balance means matriarchal society. The focus is on indigenous knowledge based on centuries-old wisdom. Learn from women's knowledge, a peaceful world needs all of us.

The festival includes lectures, readings, workshops, music, dance, performance, films, ceremonies and much more.



Organization: www.matriarchy-for-future.net

Tickets: <https://matriarchy-for-future.net/tickets/>

Keynote speaker: Heide Goettner-Abendroth
Friday, July 4, 10-11 a.m.

One event will be an *action of the activist coalition "Matriarchy Now!"*
Saturday, July 5, 9-10 a.m.

3.2. FILIA Feminist Conference in Brighton/U.K., October 10 – 12, 2025

The feminist organization FILIA, based in London, holds large international conferences every year for women, with participants coming from all over the world.

The organizers became aware of Modern Matriarchal Studies through Heide G.A.'s work. In 2023, our presentations focusing on Modern Matriarchal Studies were attended by many women, leading to a desire for further cooperation. Therefore, we were invited to the FILIA conference for the second time.

In 2025, Heide Goettner-Abendroth and Andrea Fleckinger will lecture about the basics of matriarchal societies and about modern Matriarchal Studies, and they will present a panel with excellent indigenous scholars:

- Prof. Barbara Mann (Iroquois)
- Dr. Mina Elfira (Minangkabau)
- Patricia Mukhim (Shillong Press, Khasi).

Cécile Keller and Heide Goettner-Abendroth will talk about matriarchal spirituality and politics.

The final event will be a *street action of the activist coalition "Matriarchy Now!"*

3.3. MatriForum Conference in Vienna, October 2025

Contact: <https://matriforum.com/veranstaltungen>

4. Reviews of Conferences and Lectures

4.1. Conference in Berlin, 2021

A part of this conference was a political day dedicated to celebrating Heide Goettner-Abendroth's 80th birthday. Throughout her life, she has researched the egalitarian, peaceful patterns of matriarchal societies worldwide and founded Modern Matriarchal Studies through her scholarly work.

Some of her colleagues and friends from several countries were invited to celebrate this day with her. Their excellent speeches are now available as videos and papers at the following link:

<https://hagia.de/programm/jubilaeen>

4.2. Conferences in 2024

Heide Goettner-Abendroth spoke at the *Conference of the MatriArchiv in Zurich, April 2024*, on the topic: "Men's roles in matriarchy", a subject which could be of great importance for those men in our society who are looking for a new male role model.

At the *Conference of the MatriForums in Bozen, Italy, October 2024*, Heide gave a talk, this time about love and eroticism in matriarchal societies, she showed that community life in matriarchies is backing free female choice in love affairs and resolve problems that can never be solved by oppressive patriarchal patterns.

4.3. Lectures

U.S.A.

In January, she presented, at the *Association of Women and Mythology*, the recently published English version of her book: *Matriarchies of the Past and the Rise of Patriarchy*, Peter Lang, New York 2023.

In March she gave a two-hour salon at the *Maternal Gift Economy* and presented her matriarchal vision of the future.

Berlin/Lyon (France)

In February, she spoke in Berlin to a German *Jineoloji group* (Women's knowledge of the Kurdish women's movement) about the methods of Modern Matriarchal Studies, continuing this in September in France at a European *Jineoloji meeting*.

Italy

Twice she presented her book published in Italian: *Le Società Matriarcali del Passato e la Nascita del Patriarcato*, Mimesis, Milano-Udine 2024. Her first talk was in February at the *Libreria della Donne* in Milano, and the second in April at *Armonie* in Bologna.

Germany, Academy HAGIA

In June, she gave a special seminar over several days at the Academy's headquarter for *a study group from Brazil*. Young, wonderful and very motivated people!

In between, Heide Göttner-Abendroth also gave a lot of interviews, for instance in the 6-part documentary series by Laura Hirsch: *From the Goddess*.

5. Books and Films in English and other Languages

5.1. Books

- *Matriarchal Societies. Studies on Indigenous Cultures across the Globe*
By Heide Goettner-Abendroth. New York, 2013, Peter Lang (paperback).
- *Matriarchal Societies of the Past and the Rise of Patriarchy. West Asia and Europe*
By Heide Goettner-Abendroth. New York, 2022, Peter Lang (hardcover).

These two books of Heide Goettner-Abendroth, her magnum opus (originally in German), have been translated and published in several languages:

In Italian

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

Le Società Matriarcali del Passato e la Nascita del Patriarcato,
Milano-Udine 2024, Mimesis.

In French

Les sociétés matriarcales.

Recherches sur les cultures autochtones à travers le monde
Paris 2019, desfemmes.

In Spanish

Sociedades Matriarcales del Presente,
Buenos Aires/ Argentine 2024, Prometeo.

The book can be purchased at:

<https://prometeoeditorial.com/productos/sociedades-matriarcales-del-presente-heide-goettner-abendroth/>

5.2. Films in English*A Life's Work - Heide Goettner-Abendroth*

As the founder of Modern Matriarchal Studies, important phases in Heide Goettner-Abendroth's life are documented in this new film. At the same time, it's a fascinating contemporary record of many voices from all over the world, explaining what Modern Matriarchal Studies means, how they have developed and spread.

By Gudrun Frank-Wissmann, 90 minutes, 2021

Celebrating the Year of the Earth

Since the early 1980s, Matriarchal Mystery Festivals have been celebrated at the Academy HAGIA and many women have taken part over the years. A lot of the festivals have been videoed and this film is made up of a rich selection of these recordings. In poetic, evocative images, it shows eight festivals throughout the annual cycle of the seasons of the year.

By Uschi Madeisky and Gudrun Frank-Wissmann, 90 minutes, 2008

Societies in Balance

Documentary of the First World Congress on Matriarchal Studies, Luxembourg 2003, under the Matronage of Minister for Women Affairs of Luxembourg, Ms. Marie-José Jacobs.

By Uschi Madeisky and Gudrun Frank-Wissmann, 84 minutes, 2005

All the books and films mentioned can be found on the website:

www.goettner-abendroth.de

They are available at the Academy HAGIA: akademiehagia@aol.com

6. 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. Each new member is important to us and very welcome.

The minimum annual subscription is 70 Euros.

The Association's account details are:

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

Other countries: please use PayPal: akademiehagia@aol.com

The Fund

We started up this fund as a part of the “Association of the Academy HAGIA” in order to support Modern Matriarchal Studies. It's a challenge to spread this new field of research internationally because expensive translations have to be made into various languages and lecture tours organized.

We would therefore be very grateful for any donations that enable us to continue this work.

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We send our warmest regards to all of you and wish you a plentiful and happy 2025!

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