

## **NEWSLETTER 7**

### **Academy HAGIA Program 2025**



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

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## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 is 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 210 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 (gynaecologist).

See our website: [www.hagia.de/EN](http://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](mailto:orders@peterlang.com) or Amazon.

Detailed program:

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

## 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 und zum Handeln anregen, um matriarchale Gesellschaftsmuster zu verwirklichen.

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 presented the first action of *Matriarchy Now!* in the open air

- at the festival „Matriarchy for Future“, Kasteel de Berckt, Venlo, The Netherlands.



We again will present our action *Matriarchy Now!*

- at the FILIA Feminist Conference in Brighton/U.K., October 10 – 12,  
on Saturday, October 11.

See the „Matriarchy Now“ website: [www.matriarchy-now.com](http://www.matriarchy-now.com)

See the YouTube of our action: [www.hagia.de/EN](http://www.hagia.de/EN)

### 3. Conferences, Lectures and Activism in 2025

#### 3.1. FILIA Feminist Conference in Brighton/U.K., October 10 - 12, 2025

The feminist organisation 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.

On October 10, 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 indigenous scholars from matriarchal societies:

- Prof. Barbara Mann (Iroquois, USA)
- Dr. Mina Elfira (Minangkabau, Indonesia)
- Patricia Mukhim („Shillong Times“, Khasi, India).

On October 11, we will create again the political *action of the activist coalition* „Matriarchy Now!“ (see above point 2)

#### 3.2. MatriForum Conference in Vienna, October 4, 2025 (in German)

„Generation Z: Young People in Patriarchy and their Possibilities in Matriarchies“

Speakers: Dr. Maya Götz, Prof. Gerald Hüther, Dr. Heide Goettner-Abendroth, Dr. Mina Elfira.

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

### 4. Review of Conference and New Lectures

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The festival “Matriarchy for Future“ was well attended by many committed participants. The festival included lectures, readings, workshops, music, dance, performance, films, ceremonies and much more.

A group of ten women, nearly all of them former students of the International Academy HAGIA, organised it excellently. [www.matriarchy-for-future.net](http://www.matriarchy-for-future.net)

Key note speaker: Heide Goettner-Abendroth, she lectured on the topic: „Visioning a Matriarchal Future“



Other reknown speakers were: Genevieve Vaughan and Joan Marler (USA), Annine van der Meer (Holland), Angela Dolmetsch (Colombia), Kaarina Kailo (Finland).



We presented the first action of *Matriarchy Now!* in the open air at this festival and, surrounded by enthusiastic spectators, had a lot of fun.

#### 4.2. New Lectures

USA: On September 6, 2025, Heide Goettner-Abendroth will present at a salon of the *Maternal Gift Economy*. Her topic is „We need a matriarchal Revolution“, and she will show the YouTube of the action „*Matriarchy Now!*“, filmed by Laura Hirsch and Andrea Loetscher.

Contact: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_zd28IWwfTe6BVMTmr4wBvQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zd28IWwfTe6BVMTmr4wBvQ)

USA: On October 18, 2025, she will lecture at the same place on „Men in Matriarchies“, together with Patricia Mukhim (Khasi, Indien).

Brazil: In June and July 2025, she was teaching a Short-Study Course Online for a group of Brasiliens. Languages: English und Portuguese.

## 5. New Books 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 the author, her magnum opus (originally in German), have been translated and published in several languages.

See for more books by her the website: [www.goettner-abendroth/EN](http://www.goettner-abendroth/EN)

### 5.2. New books

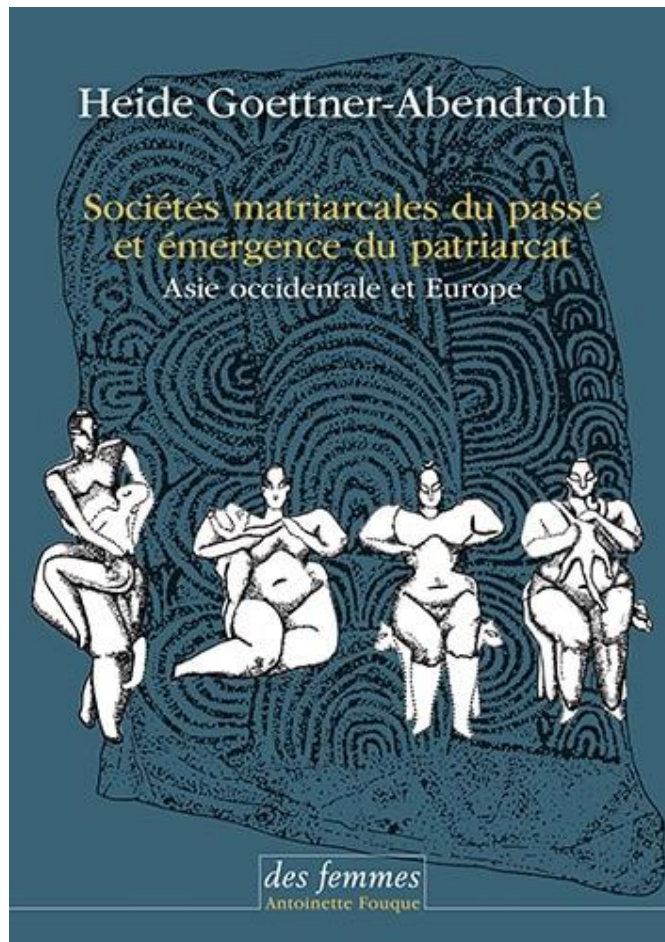
- In spring 2025, the classic “Die Göttin und ihr Heros” (The Goddess and her Hero) by Heide Goettner-Abendroth was published in Italian:

*La Dea e il suo Eroe*, in Rome 2025, publisher Venexia.

Lots of tanks to the translators Gabriella Galzio and Christina Jenkner, also to the careful editor Luciana Percovic and to the publisher Chiara Orlandini.

- Just now a major book, rich in content, by Heide Goettner-Abendroth: “Matriarchal Societies of the Past and the Rise of Patriarchy. West Asia and Europe“ has been published in French:

*Sociétés matriarcales du passé et émergence du patriarcat. Asie Occidentale et Europe*,  
in Paris 2025, publisher *Des Femmes. Antoinette Fouque*.



The translators Camille Chaplain und Annie Montaut did a longlasting translation, carried out with great care, we are grateful to them. Our thanks also go to the publisher Christine Villeneuve, who courageously brought out this big book.

Camille Chaplain is no longer with us now. Heide lost a great supporter of her work with Camille.

## 6. Association HAGIA and Fund for Modern Matriarchal Studies

### The 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:

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## **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 be very grateful for any donations that enable us to continue our work.

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

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