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Academy for Modern Matriarchal Studies and matriarchal Spirituality

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“Matriarchal Studies and Matriarchal Spirituality are a new paradigm. They affect all areas of knowledge, all levels of feeling and change us as a whole person. Through them, steps can be taken to move from this society to a different way of life that leads to a truly humane future.”
(Heide Goettner-Abendroth)

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Detailed Program

Training as a Lecturer in Modern Matriarchal Studies

Course Leader:	Dr. Heide Goettner-Abendroth
Matriarchal Medicine Seminar:	Cécile Keller
Assistant teachers:	Mara S. Carneiro & André Mafra

The training is academic in terms of its level. However, anyone who is willing to actively participate and read the recommended literature, can take part. There are no qualitative prerequisites.

1. Subjects of the course

Modern Matriarchal Studies and contemporary matriarchal societies

Thorough knowledge of the matriarchal form of society will be developed through the literature and personal accounts, covering today's matriarchal societies worldwide. The still existing matriarchal societies in East Asia, India, the Americas and Africa are studied. The focus is not on individual societies as such but about understanding the general matriarchal patterns using living examples.

Matriarchal mythology and symbolism

Using the recommended literature on the subject, the patterns of matriarchal mythology and symbolism of many cultures will be identified, as they constitute a rich source for the world view and spiritual life of matriarchal societies. This area includes the symbolic systems of myths, legends, fairy tales, customs, places of worship, and sacred objects.

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Matriarchal art and aesthetics

What aesthetics and art represent in matriarchal societies will be discussed through the literature. Examples of matriarchal art will then be presented. All forms of art are included, such as verbal, audio, visual, dance, etc.

Matriarchal medicine

Matriarchal medicine is presented as it has been in use in matriarchal societies for a very long time. It is explained with reference to various matriarchal societies, clearly revealing its difference to Western orthodox medicine.

Cultural history of matriarchal societies and rise of patriarchy

At first, this looks at past matriarchal societies and their development in the major cultural regions of Western Asia, the Mediterranean, and Europe. The much later rise of patriarchy in these cultural regions will be presented, an explanation which is a special part of the comprehensive theory on the emergence of patriarchal societies worldwide.

Matriarchal politics

This subject applies the findings from matriarchal research to our present-day society. What new social forms can we create in our immediate and wider environment? How is a different economic and political action possible? How can a new society emerge from a matriarchal understanding of the world? This discussion combines a clear vision with practical solutions.

Argumentation theory and practical exercises

Throughout the course, the work also includes ongoing reflections and practical exercises in providing clear arguments in order to promote the topic of matriarchy. The aim is to enable participants to defend this field of knowledge effectively, both factually and astutely, in public discussions.

All these subjects are taught sequentially in the teaching sessions.

The Extensive Study Course is therefore a coherent whole that can only be booked in its entirety and not in parts.

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2. Qualifications acquired

Lecturer in Modern Matriarchal Studies (Certificate)

Through the study of the literature and discussions, students will acquire the skills to understand the philosophical foundation of Modern Matriarchal Studies and its methods, they will be familiar with the broad scope of matriarchal societies in the present and in history, will be able to critically evaluate opposing approaches and defend Modern Matriarchal Studies through argumentation.

Aim: To understand the basics of Modern Matriarchal Studies and its special subjects and teach them on a qualified level.

Duration of the teaching program of the Extensive Study Course at the Academy HAGIA:

Year One: six teaching sessions (4 hours on Saturday/4 hours on Sunday)

Year Two: six teaching sessions (4 hours on Saturday/4 hours on Sunday)

Year Three: no sessions, written thesis (2 parts), advice by the teachers of the course

Year Three: one final session, with presentation of the theses and the award of the certificate (in 2028)

3. Admission to the course (application)

Written application, including:

- curriculum vitae (2 pages maximum)
- cover letter explaining the personal motifs of the applicant for the topic matriarchy and the study course (1 page)

Participants can also attend the Extensive Study Course for personal reasons of raising one's own knowledge without aiming for the qualification as a lecturer. In such cases no thesis will be required.

The course leader should be informed of this choice as soon as possible after the course has started.

Deadline for applications: October 31, 2025

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Membership of the “Förderverein der Akademie HAGIA e.V.”

All course participants are obliged during the time of the study course to become members of the association “Förderverein der Akademie HAGIA e.V.” The membership is needed in order to support the free, independent Academy HAGIA.

Ordinary membership: 70 Euros annually (obligatory)

Special supporting membership: 130 Euros annually (voluntary)

Special gifting membership: 260 Euros annually (voluntary)

4. Calendar of the teaching sessions and tuition fees

Duration of each teaching session

Saturday half day:

Two blocks of two hours (together 4 hours with break)

Sunday half-day:

Two blocks of two hours (together 4 hours with break)

A teaching session is given every two months, with three sessions in the first half of a year and three sessions in the second half.

2026

1st teaching session	January 24-25, 2026
2nd teaching session	March 28-29, 2026
3rd teaching session	May 23-24, 2026
4th teaching session	July 25-26, 2026
5th teaching session	September 26-27, 2026
6th teaching session	November 21-22, 2026

2027

The dates of the 7th-12th teaching sessions in 2027 will be given shortly after the course has started.

2028

Written thesis and its discussion (13th session)

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Tuition fees

Each teaching session = 210 Euros
The complete course of 13 teaching sessions = 2,730 Euros

The tuition fee is paid in 3 instalments of 910 Euros
(due at the beginning of each block of 4 teaching sessions).

The 1st instalment of the tuition fees must be paid latest by **December 31, 2025**.

Only then is a place secured to take part in the Extensive Study Course.

By paying the sum of the first instalment, you expressly agree to the terms and conditions stated here.

After the first four teaching sessions, each person can still decide whether they wish to continue on the course.

Also, the course leader can decide, during the first four teaching sessions, whether it is appropriate for some participants to continue.

In Europe:

Account of the International ACADEMY HAGIA

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Outside of Europe: **via PayPal**

Catchword: 9th Study Course

5. Content of the teaching sessions

(subject to change)

Theoretical reflections and discussions, as well as argumentation exercises, are included in each teaching session in addition to the topics given.

In most teaching sessions, presentations will be given by the participants on the topics established, based on recommended reading lists.

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2026

1st teaching session

Definition of "Matriarchy" and the Foundations of Modern Matriarchal Studies

2nd teaching session: Social Patterns of Matriarchal Societies

Examples: the Mosuo (West China), the Khasi (Northeast India), the Minangkabau (Sumatra)

3rd teaching session: Economic Patterns of Matriarchal Societies

Examples: the Iroquois (North America), the City of Juchitán (West Mexico), the Tuareg (Sahara Desert)

4th teaching session: Political Patterns of Matriarchal Societies

Examples: the Iroquois (North America), the Akan Peoples (West Africa), the Nayar (Southwest India)

5th teaching session: Patterns of Culture and Worldview of Matriarchal Societies

Examples: the Hopi (North America), the Kuna (Panama), the Trobriand Peoples (Melanesia)

6th teaching session: Matriarchal Medicine (Cécile Keller)

Matriarchal Mythology, Symbolism and Art

2027

7th teaching session: Women in the Palaeolithic Epoch

8th teaching session: History of Matriarchal Cultures in West Asia

9th teaching session: History of Matriarchal Cultures in Europe

10th teaching session: Rise of Patriarchies in Europe and Mesopotamia

11th teaching session: Matriarchal Politics: New Social Order, New Society

12th teaching session: Matriarchal Politics: New economy, New politics

2028

Written thesis

(for those wishing to qualify as a "Lecturer on Modern Matriarchal Studies")

13th teaching session: Presentation and Discussion of final theses and the award of the certificate.

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Books to be read:

2012/2013

Heide Goettner-Abendroth

***MATRIARCHAL SOCIETIES.
Studies on Indigenous Cultures across the Globe***
Peter Lang Publication, New York

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Heide Goettner-Abendroth

***MATRIARCHAL SOCIETIES OF THE PAST AND THE RISE OF PATRIARCHY
in West Asia and Europe***
Peter Lang Publication, New York

Thanks for your interest in the study course. We are looking forward to your application.

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