

PROGRAM

Thursday **May 12, 2011**

1:00 p.m. The conference office opens

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. ***Opening and Welcome***

The three Organizers:
Significance and Aims of the Conference

Welcome words from ***Dr. Ruth-Gaby Vermot-Mangold***
(Former Swiss Parliamentarian, Member of the Council of Europe,
Co-President of “PeaceWomen Across the Globe”)

Welcome words from ***lic.iur. Elisabeth Beéry***
(City Councillor of the city St. Gallen, Switzerland)

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. The conference in its entirety is a spiritual event. All spiritual parts
are led by ***Cécile Keller:***
Opening ceremony of the Conference

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner at the hotel

7:00 – 9:30 p.m. ***25th Anniversary of the
International Academy HAGIA, 1986 – 2011***

Formal speech: ***Heide Goettner-Abendroth, Cécile Keller***
*The Academy HAGIA. A Source for Matriarchal Studies, Politics,
and Spirituality*

Statements from ***Members of the Academy HAGIA***

*Celebrating the Year of the Earth - Matriarchal Mystery Festivals
at the Academy HAGIA*

Film from ***Gudrun Frank-Wissmann and Uschi Madeisky***

Friday May 13, 2011

8:00 a.m. The conference office opens

9:00- 9:30 a.m. **Lydia Ruyle, USA**
Images and Herstories of Goddesses of the World
 (Morning meditation and speech)

Insights from Matriarchal Studies

9:30 – 10:10 a.m. **Dr. Heide Goettner-Abendroth, Germany**
Modern Matriarchal Studies. Their fundamentals and actual situation
 (Speech, questions and answers)

Break 10:10 – 10:30 a.m.

Indigenous scholars from the Americas, Africa, and Asia discuss their own matriarchal societies:

10:30 – 12:00 a.m. **North America: Prof. Barbara Mann, Iroquois, Seneca, USA**
The Matriarchal Politics of Buffalos

Central America: Marina Meneses, Juchitàn, Mexico
Commerce between Juchitecan women: Economic security, independence and cultural sustenance

Africa: Bernedette Muthien, KhoeSan, South Africa
Matriarchies in Africa: Decolonising Love & the Egalitarian KhoeSan

12:00 – 0:20 p.m. Questions and answers

0:20 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch at the Conference Center

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. **Asia: Patricia Mukhim, Khasi, Meghalaya, India**
Politics of the Khasi Matriarchy: Towards a new understanding and reclaiming the lost spaces

Asia: Dr. Valentina Pakyntein, Khasi-Pnar, Meghalaya, India
The Pnar Trilogy: Explicating Dynamics of Gendered relations through the Lahoo Dance

Asia: Letecia Layson, Philippines/USA
AncientFuture Memories - Babaylan in an age of Globalization

3:30 – 3:50 p.m. Questions and answers

Break 3:50 – 4:10 p.m.

Younger, non-indigenous will have space to present their work as examples of the 2nd generation in modern Matriarchal Studies:

4:10 – 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Mariam Irene Tazi-Preve, Austria

The Private is Political. Family relations under patriarchal and matriarchal conditions

Dr. Marguerite Rigoglioso, USA

Matriarchal Spirituality and Virgin Birth

5:00 – 5:20 p.m.

Questions and answers

5:20 – 6:20 p.m.

Introduction and Evening ceremony for this day

6:20 – 8:00 p.m. Dinner at the hotel

8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Grand Opening of the MatriArchiv

The world's first scholarly and multi-lingual library on Matriarchal Studies will officially be opened in the famous library-city St. Gallen:

Christina Schlatter, Switzerland

The MatriArchiv. About its foundation and significance
(Tonhalle, Concert Hall)

Short walk to the Canton Library Vadiana and festive opening of the MatriArchiv

(Canton Library Vadiana)

Saturday May 14, 2011

8:00 a.m. The conference office opens

9:00- 9:30 a.m. **Kathy Jones**, Glastonbury, Great Britain
Inspired by the Lady of Avalon: Creating a Goddess-centered World for the 21st Century
 (Morning meditation and speech)

Perspectives of Matriarchal Politics

The fundamentals of matriarchal politics will be presented as follows:

9:30 – 11:00 a.m. **Genevieve Vaughan**, USA/Italien
Theory and Practice of the Gift Economy
 (Speech, questions and answers)

Prof. Veronika Bennholdt-Thomsen, Germany
Politics of the Subsistence Perspective
 (Speech, questions and answers)

Break 11:00 – 11:20 a.m.

11:20 – 12:00 a.m. **Dr. Heide Goettner-Abendroth**, Germany
Matriarchal Politics and the vision for a new society
 (Speech, questions and answers)

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch at the Conference Center

Matriarchal Political Practice

Examples of new matriarchal life ways from the feminist and other alternative movements will be presented by:

1:30 – 2:10 p.m. Economy:

Dr. Ina Praetorius, Switzerland
Subsistence and the Good Life

Dr. Christa Mueller, Germany
Urban Gardens: Creative places for a new urban civilization

2:10 – 2:30 p.m. Questions and answers

Break 2:30 – 2:50 p.m.

2:50 – 4:10 p.m.

Communities:

Johannes Heimrath and Lara Mallien, Germany
Matriarchal aspects of an existing community. The natural condition of an intentional extended family

Lin Daniels MA, USA
Pagoda: Temple of Love and the Pagoda Community. A Western Model of a Matrifocal Community of Lesbian Feminists

Dr. Angela Cuevas de Dolmetsch, Colombia
Nashira. Building a new matriarchal Society in Colombia

4:10 – 4:30 p.m.

Questions and answers

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Introduction and Evening ceremony for this day

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner at the hotel

19.00 – 21.30 p.m.

70th Birthday of Heide Goettner-Abendroth

She will be honored for her life's work.

Official speakers and celebration (guided by Cécile Keller)

Film: A Life Dedicated to Matriarchal Studies: Heide Goettner-Abendroth
 Film-portrait from **Gudrun Frank-Wissmann**

Sunday May 15, 2011

8:00 a.m. The conference office opens

***Matriarchal political practice
(continued)***

8:30 – 9:40 a.m. Movements:

Prof. Claudia von Werlhof, Austria
*The “Planetary Movement for Mother Earth” –
Why it has been founded and why it is necessary*

Siegrun Laurent, Germany
*From Feminisms to a Matriarchal Society.
The example of the Academy ALMA MATER*

Katie Hoffner MBA, USA
*“Mother Earth's Political Party”: The Importance of Women's Voice
in Restoring Balance to Our Planet*

9:40 – 10:00 a.m. Questions and answers

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. ***Cécile Keller***, Switzerland/Germany
Introduction for the procession through the city

10:15 – 11:30 a.m. Introduction and closing ceremony

Break for light lunch 11:30 a.m. – 0:30 p.m.

We are going into the public space of a city.

**The conference will end with a procession through St. Gallen,
bringing the idea of matriarchal life ways into the public space of
a city.**

0:30 – 2:30 p.m. Procession through the city of St. Gallen

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Return to the Conference Center
Closing and Farewell

(End 4:00 p.m.)