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The International Academy HAGIA  
and the International Feminists for a Gift Economy Network present:

# A (M)otherworld is Possible

Two Feminist Visions: Matriarchal Studies  
The Gift Economy

## CONFERENCE

October 23-25 2009

York University • Toronto, Canada

McLaughlin College

Panels and sessions with invited keynote speakers from all over the world, special guests, and presenters, including:

Prof. Barbara Mann (USA, Seneca), Prof. Wahu Kaara (Kenya, Africa), Prof. Pilwha Chang (Korea), Genevieve Vaughan (USA, Italy), Dr. Heide Goettner-Abendroth (Germany), Dr. Rauna Kuokkanen (Samiland), Mag. Marina Menses (Mexico, Juchitán), Prof. Valentina Pakyntein (India, Khasi), Sobonfu Somé (Burkina Faso, Africa), Agnes Williams (USA, Seneca).

Topics in the Gift Paradigm section include:

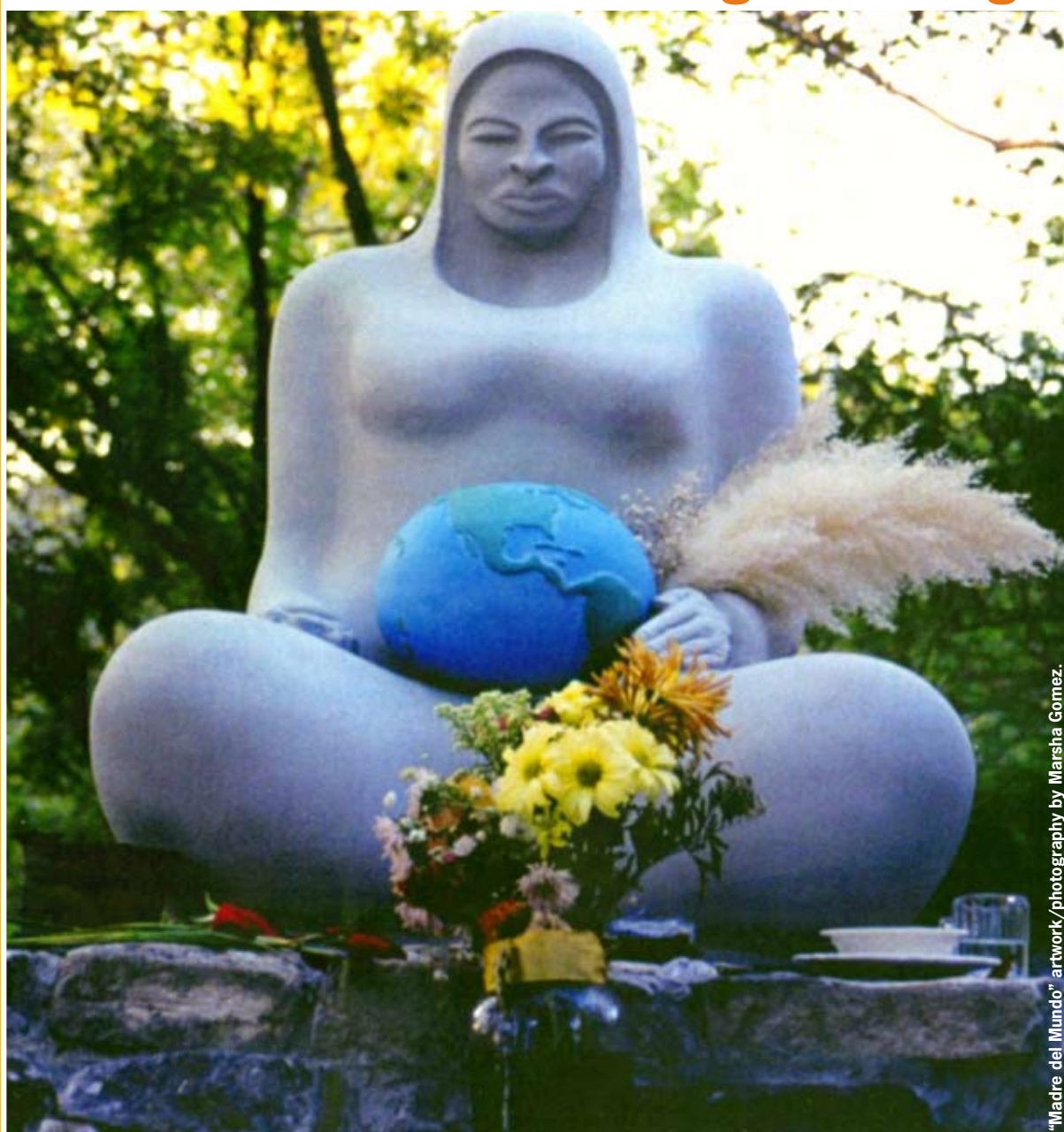
- Mothering and Gift Economy
- Gift or Exchange?
- Indigenous Peoples and the Gift Economy
- Generalizing Gift Giving
- Gift Economy and the Environment
- The Gift in Africa, Asia and the Arctic
- Gift Economy, Feminism, Anarchy
- Political significance of the Gift

Topics in the Matriarchal Studies section include:

- Matriarchies as Mother-centered Societies
- Mothers in Indigenous Matriarchal Societies: Iroquois in the USA, Berber-Kabyle in North Africa, Palau in Micronesia, Khasi in India, Juchitecas in Mexico
- Aspects of Matriarchal Spirituality: Andean Spirituality, Holy Birth in Ancient Greece, Mother and Daughter Star Constellations, World Icons of Mothers and Grandmothers
- What can we learn from Matriarchal Societies?
- Matriarchal Visions of a Future of Peace

The International Feminists for a Gift Economy is a network which promotes the gift economy as a maternal alternative to Patriarchal Capitalism. [www.gift-economy.com](http://www.gift-economy.com)

Akademie Hagia promotes the study of matriarchal patterns in indigenous societies past and present and proposes Matriarchal - not a mirror image of Patriarchal - Culture as the way to peace. [www.AkademieHagia.com](http://www.AkademieHagia.com)



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For full conference program, registration and information:

[www.motherworldconference.org](http://www.motherworldconference.org)

[www.yorku.ca/arm](http://www.yorku.ca/arm)



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