



CALL FOR PAPERS

The Association for Research on Mothering (ARM)
the International Academy HAGIA and the Gift Economy Network
are pleased to announce, as part of ARM's 13th Annual Conference
"Mothering and the Environment: The Natural, The Social, and The Built",
October 22-25, 2009, York University, Toronto, Canada



The embedded conference

A (M)otherworld is Possible: Two Feminist Visions Matriarchal Studies The Gift Economy

We welcome submissions from indigenous and non indigenous scholars, students, activists, agencies and workers, educators, artists, mothers and others who work or research in this area. Cross-cultural, historical and comparative work is encouraged. We encourage a variety of types of submissions including academic papers from all disciplines, workshops, creative submissions, performances, storytelling, visual arts and other alternative formats.

Topics include but are not limited to:

motherlove as healing and resistance, Indigenous matriarchal societies across the globe their traditional cultures and situation today; resistance of indigenous matriarchal societies against patriarchal conquest and domination; indigenous societies with several matriarchal elements; significance of these elements to indigenous women and mothers; matriarchal societies and cultures in early history across the globe; hidden matriarchal elements in patriarchal European, American, Asian, African societies; significance of these elements to women and mothers in patriarchal societies; significance of matriarchal perspectives/politics for building communities/networks/societies for the future; Matriarchal studies and feminism. The Gift Economy in indigenous societies and Matriarchies; mothering as gift economy work; gift versus exchange; the exploitation of the Gift Economy by Capitalism/Patriarchy; the Gift Economy and the environment, peace, and social change; the values, spirituality, psychology and imaginary of the Gift Economy;; gift perspective versus malestream academia: linguistics, philosophy, ethics science; practical transitions toward the Gift Economy (eg. open source software, Wikipedia, AA, Burning Man,); the Gift Economy as a maternal economy; the Gift Economy and Feminism; the Gift Paradigm

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Prof. Barbara Mann, (Iroquois), University of Toledo (U.S)
Maestra Marina Meneses, emer., Universidad del Istmo, Ixtepec, (Mexico)
Dr. Valentina Pakyntein, (Khasi), University of Shillong, (India)
Pilwha Chang (S.Korea)
Wahu Kaara (Kenya)
Rauna Kuokkanen (Samiland/Canada)
Genevieve Vaughan (Italy)
Prof. Heide Goettner-Abendroth (Germany)

If you are interested in being considered as a presenter, please send a 250 word abstract and a 50 word bio by July 1, 2009 to: arm@yorku.ca.

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