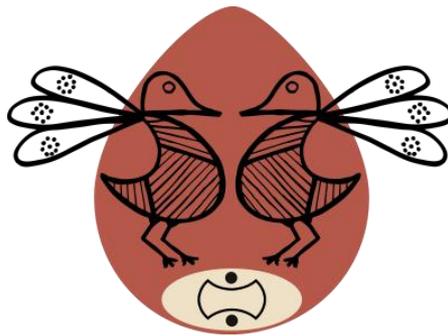


LAIMA ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

*Laima Association Presents:
Indigenous Cultures of Peace. Re-educating ourselves to
Partnership!*



International Conference

TURIN, Italy

April 26th-28th, 2013

Three days of meetings and workshops in order to rediscover the educational values of egalitarian societies and go beyond patriarchal languages, stereotypes and obstacles.

- **In order to envision and build a new society, how can we teach a new nonsexist, nonviolent and interreligious history/herstory?**
- **How can we restore an egalitarian symbolic order within language?**
- **How can we teach that life is not only domination, appropriation, exploitation but also care, reciprocity and nourishment?**
- **How can we build love relationships based on values of partnership?**
- **What is the value of maternal gift in building a society of peace, and how can we give it importance?**

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday, April 26th

Room A (Plenary Session)

- 6.30 p.m. **Documentary screenings**
“Bomba libera tutti” by Pina Caporaso and *“Ma il cielo è sempre più blu”* by Alessandra Ghimenti: video inquiries into equality of gender among primary school children in Italy.
- 7.15 p.m. ***Scendendo nel cuore di ogni parola assisto alla mia nascita***
Speaker: *Mario Bolognese*, author and educator, who works from an intercultural and interreligious perspective, with a special focus on the language of poetry and fairy tales.

The mother and her ‘word child’ are a source, a nourishment and a resource for gylanic relationship and communicative and inclusive thinking for everyone in the human and cosmic family.

Room D

- 9 p.m. ***Honouring and Blessing Women, Honouring and Blessing Men***
Opening ceremony with Kathy and Mike Jones, founders of The Glastonbury Goddess Temple, England, UK.

Saturday, April 27th

Room A (Plenary Session)

- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Greetings from the Patron Institutions

Speakers: *Maria Cristina Spinosa*, Councillor for Equal Opportunity of the Municipality of Turin and *Maria Grazia Pellerino*, Councillor for Educational Politics of the Municipality of Turin.

Indigenous Cultures of Peace. Re-educating ourselves to Partnership!

Introduction to the conference by *Morena Luciani* and *Alessandro Bracciali*, with the participation of *Emiliana Losma*.

Re-educating ourselves to the Gift Economy

Speakers: *Genevieve Vaughan*, theorist of the Gift Economy and *Ana Maria Estrada*, teacher and director of Kyle Montessori School, Texas.

Capitalism is anti-maternal; it exploits everyone's gifts, imposing patriarchal values of competition and abuse of power. The story of an American Montessori school where the value of gift is practised and taught.

The Cycle of Life in Juchiteca Culture

Speaker: *Rosa Martha Toledo Martinez*, artist and spokesperson of Juchiteca culture.

Juchitán is a Mexican town with around 100.000 inhabitants that kept matriarchal social habits, an egalitarian culture where you have freedom in relationships, respect for different sexual orientations and a form of gift economy that has resisted global capitalism.

- 1 p.m. Lunch break

Room A (Plenary Session)

- 2.30 p.m.

Motherworld. A New Vision of Contemporary World

Introducer: *Sarah Perini*. Speakers: *Kathy Jones and Mike Jones*, founders of The Glastonbury Goddess Temple, England, UK.

The Motherworld is a society where mothers and the values of mothering-love, care and support for each other and for our Mother Earth are placed in the centre of our lives, rather than being left on the periphery.

- 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. **WORKSHOPS**

Room A

Eros and Psyche: an Ancient Tale in the Light of New Awareness of Present Time

Led by: *Luciana Percovich*, author and a scholar of pre-patriarchal mythologies.

An introduction to the thoughts of women on the stories of sexuality and soul, sex and love. How myths of creation reflect and mould social order, reinforcing or denying the value of motherhood. How to rewrite a mythology today that would express our radical need for change.

Max 100 participants, booking required. To make your reservation, please email us specifying **Workshop 1**.

Room B

New Relationship Models Between Men and Women

Led by: *Miriam Subirana*, educator, author of *Cómplices: Más allá de las relaciones de dependencia*.

The couple as a union of two wholes instead of two halves: how to be partners in accordance with our own freedom and overcome old models of 'toxic male chauvinism' and 'dependent femininity'.

Max 80 participants, booking required. To make your reservation, please email us specifying **Workshop 2**.

Room C

Games and Ring-a-Ring O' Roses of Child Words

Led by: *Mario Bolognese and Nadia Nardi and Maura Raviola, actresses of Stregatocolor Association.*

An invitation to once again find in ourselves the gylanic language that connects us since our birth to the breathing and the dance of cosmos. A bear sacred to Artemis will be with us in this poetic and dramatic ring-a-ring o' roses.

Max 80 participants, booking required. To make your reservation, please email us specifying **Workshop 3**.

Room A (Plenary Session)

- 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. Space and time for sharing.
- 7.30 p.m. **Dinner**
- 9 p.m.

Envisioning a Future of Justice and Balance for All

Circle led by **Starhawk**, author, political activist, one of the most important voices in women's spirituality in the world.

Sunday, April 28th

Room A (Plenary Session)

- 9 a.m.

If It Is Good for Women It Is Good for the World

Morena Luciani talks on Skype with **Riane Eisler**.

*Through her work, the eminent American social scientist Riane Eisler, the bestselling author of *The Chalice and the Blade: Our History, Our Future and Sacred Pleasure*, has demonstrated that in order to advance toward a more just and sustainable future for all, the devaluation of women and anything stereotypically considered feminine must be exposed and ended. Piercing through the smokescreens of prevailing myths, Eisler shows the way in which the hidden paradigm of values based on gender categorization influences our lives and the politics of this world.*

- 10 p.m. – 12 p.m. **WORKSHOPS**

Room A

Language: between a closed space and the infinite resource of women's experience and not only

Led by *Chiara Zamboni*, professor of Philosophy of Language at Verona's University and co-founder of the philosophical community 'Diotima'

Through the contributions of Luce Irigaray, Julia Kristeva, Mary Daly and Judith Butler, a course of analysis regarding language as a common good for men and women and at the same time a field of conflict with regards to the meaning of our lives. The traps of language and the feminist experience as a way to overcome them; language as a path to freedom once we gain awareness of it, of its meaning and of the centrality of the mother tongue in the open field of language as a common resource.

Max 120 participants, booking required. To make your reservation, please email us specifying **Workshop 4**.

Room B

Making the invisible visible. Care, gift and world maintenance

Led by: *Daniela Degan*, facilitator and catalyst for the Travelling Degrowth Lab and *Marco Deriu*, professor of Sociology, president of the National Degrowth Association and a member of the Association Male Plural.

What are women's experiences and perceptions; what are those of men? How can the forms of women and men dance together, investigating the two polarities in the dimension of ritual and pleasure? How can rethinking those issues get us closer to a pattern of degrowth in our daily lives? A passionate and critical enlightenment of the various sides of gift and care. A new experimental workshop!

Max 50 participants, booking required. To make your reservation, please email us specifying **Workshop 5**.

Room C

Moso society and the matrilineal model forms of transmission

Led by: *Francesca Rosati Freeman*, author, teacher, documentarist.

A testimony on the traditional values of the Moso society, with a special focus on family structure and couple relationship to find out how to live a life free from the bias of marriage and life-in-two. A society that does not produce gender based violence or conflict. Upon which of its matriarchal values could we look so that we can apply them in our daily lives?

Max 80 participants, booking required. To make your reservation, please email us specifying **Workshop 6**.

Room A (Plenary Session)

- 14.30 p.m. – 18.00 p.m.

Women in Action: Using the Insights of Feminism to Change the World

Introducer: *Monica Smith*, Speaker: *Starhawk*, author, political activist, one of the most important voices in women's spirituality in the world.

What alternatives do we have in a world that holds up force and violence as models of strength? Women represent a different vision of strength. Women-initiated and women-led actions have a special energy and power. That power comes not from excluding men – we welcome men as participants – but because of the joy and visionary potential that arise when women work together in order to fiercely defend the values of life. In this session, Starhawk speaks about her experiences as an organizer with Code Pink: Unreasonable Women for Peace; her work with Jewish and Palestinian women in the West Bank and Gaza; and her many years as a leading innovator in the Goddess revival and eco-feminist movements. How can the insights of feminism help us out of the mess we are in today?

Lessons from the Past to Understand the Present and Seek to Change the Future

Speaker: *Pepe Rodriguez*, professor of Psychology at Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, author of *Dios nació mujer*.

What were the factors that played a role in the shift from matrilineal, egalitarian and peaceful social structures worshipping feminine deities to those based on abuse of power, conflict, with a male thundering god as the loud and aggressive point of reference? In such a process of cultural disintegration, what was the role of technological changes in the production of resources? Can we learn from the past to lead our present social model toward a more peaceful and tolerant society?

Final debate and conclusion.



Since the dawn of time, Indigenous Cultures of Peace have been spinning a thread that has now found its way to contemporary society and its need for change.

This event was promoted by Laima, an association which was born as a tribute to Marjia Gimbutas with the aim of spreading matristic culture, based on values of care and mutuality.

HOW TO REACH US

The Palaginnastica is located in Via Pacchiotti 71, near Massaua underground station

Driving

From Milan or Aosta: exit the belt-way at *C.so Regina*; from Genoa, Piacenza, or Savona: take the *C.so Francia/Cascine Vica* exit

ACCOMODATION

Palaginnastica Guestrooms: rooms for 4 people with bunk beds and shared bathroom for 27€, breakfast and bed linen included. Info: pernottamenti@associazionelaima.it

For other kinds of accommodations please email us.

Registration

To register please email: laima.morena@gmail.com

Before March 15th, 2013: 90€

After March 15th, 2013: 100€

Students under 26: 50€

In case of cancellation of participation

Before April 1st, 2013: 40% of the entrance fee will be refunded

After April 1st, 2013: 20% of the entrance fee will be refunded

Registration deadline: April 8th, 2013

INFORMATION

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