



## The International Conference on 17th July 2010 in Rome


On Saturday 17 July 2010 16.00-21.00h the International Conference Matriarchal Studies and Gift Economy takes place. The location is the Casa Internazionale delle Donne. Via della Lungara 19, Rome.

**About the Casa Internazionale delle Donne.** This is a converted convent in the city area of Trastevere. The casa is home to fifty Italian feminist organizations with conference rooms, restaurants and a beautiful cloister courtyard. See: [www.casainternazionaledelledonne.org](http://www.casainternazionaledelledonne.org).

**The initiative.** The initiative for this conference is taken by Mrs. Genevieve Vaughan, founding mother of the Gift-Economy. She is an American feminist but for many years she lives in Italy. She is active in the international network of feminists for Gift-Economy en also in antiglobalisation- and peacemovements. Zij wrote *For-Giving, A Feminist Criticism of Exchange* (1997) en *Homo Donans* (2006). She edited two books with articles of international feminists and scientists on the Gift-Economy. She wrote two childrenbooks in 2006 en 2007. About her work Giving for Giving a film was made.



**PER UN PARADIGMA DIVERSO:  
STUDI MATRIARCALE ED ECONOMIA DEL DONO**  
**CONFERENZA INTERNAZIONALE**  
17 LUGLIO, 2010  
ORE 16.00 - 21.00  
**CASA INTERNAZIONALE DELLE DONNE**  
VIA DELLA LUNGARA 19, ROMA



Due reti di donne internazionali, studio e attivismo messo da anni collaborando per esplorare e far conoscere i loro approcci alternativi alla società patriarcal-capitalista: la rete sugli studi matriarcali e quella sull'economia del dono. Alcune di queste donne si troveranno a Roma il 17 luglio di quest'anno dove faranno un breve convegno alla Casa Internazionale delle Donne.

Dopo un quadro generale sul matriarcato e sull' economia del dono parleranno di vari argomenti: la preterogenesi, l'ideologia politica della famiglia, un ecovillaggio in Colombia basato su principi matriarcali, l'appropriazione del dono da parte dell'Unione Europea, le basi scientifiche di comportamenti matriarcali e del dono, l'organizzazione sociale dei Khoe-san in Sud Africa e delle sacerdotesse Subanon nelle Filippine.

**PARLERANNO:**  
Angela Dolmetsch, Colombia, Kaarina Kailo, Finlandia, Leticia Layson, Usa/Filippine, Bernadette Muthien, Sud Africa, Vicki Noble, USA, Marguerite Rigoglioso, USA, Mariam Irene Tazi-Preuve, Austria, Annine van der Meer, Olanda, Genevieve Vaughan, USA/Italia

Conference announcement

**Friday 16 July.** In the morning there was a city walk to the Vatican and Piazza Navona. In the afternoon there was an excursion to mount Aventino with historian Maria Gabriella Guidetti [mg.guidetti@alice.it](mailto:mg.guidetti@alice.it). She gives historical courses on the goddesses of Rome in the Casa Internazionale delle Donne..

**The conference speakers.** As written on the announcement: Angela Dolmetsch from Colombia, Kaarina Kailo from Finland, Leticia Layson from USA/Philippines, Bernadette Muthien from South-Africa, Marguerite Rigoglioso from USA, Mariam Irene Tazi-Preuve from Austria, Annine van der Meer from the Netherlands and Genevieve Vaughan from USA/Italy.

**Saturday 17 July. The International Conference.**



In a full hall the speakers delivered their speeches. [Click here](#) to find abstracts of several speeches, which were also delivered at the International Conference on Matriarchal Studies and Gift Economy, in the report Toronto, A (M)Otherworld is possible. The first lectures had topics as feminism and political activism. The last ones covered archaeological/historical and religious subjects.

The presentations of Dr Marguerite Rigoglioso and myself belonged to these groups. Here you see a picture of the excellent speech in Italian of Marguerite about her first book: *The Cult of the Divine Female in Ancient Greece*. [See the website](#). At the right you see translator Valeria.



In the middle of September 2010 her second book was released titled: '*Virgin Mother Goddesses of Antiquity*'. [www.cultofdivinebirth.com](http://www.cultofdivinebirth.com) all the information about this book.

To hear a podcast interview with Dr. Rigoglioso on fascinating key points in *Virgin Mother Goddesses of Antiquity*, [Click here](#).

**My presentation.** Although I have some experience in delivering speeches in English, it was the first time that I gave a talk on an international conference before an international audience. The title of speech and Power Point Presentation was: *35.000 years Venusart. The archaeology of female leadership*. The presentation was given in English and at once translated in Italian by Valeria, the young and passionate translator. I had prepared handouts in English and Italian and also the texts on the slides were in English as well as in Italian; Genevieve and Morena were a great help in preparing and diffusing the handouts. All this in order to save time and to inform the bilingual audience better and quicker.

The speech was received enthusiastically and young women thanked me for coming all the way to Rome to hand over this new information. Genevieve Vaughan requested to put the whole presentation on her website. See [www.gift-economy.com](http://www.gift-economy.com).



At the end of the conference the sacred bread is offered to Gen and is divided under the participants.

Report Dr Annine van der Meer (President Academy PanSophia, Holland)