

## Invitation to international seminar of ADM - Spring 2024

Dear Friends,

In the 21st century, humanity finds itself in an unprecedented **systemic crisis**. Whether it's ecological catastrophe, the escalation of wars, the political crisis of parliamentary democracies, or the global advance of nationalism and fascism, they are all expressions of the deep crisis into which **Capitalist Modernity** has plunged humanity and nature. The growth of new **feminist, ecological, anti-colonial and democratic movements** must be understood as a reaction to the general systemic crisis. However the alternative remains to this day disorganized, fragmented and without a strategic and unifying proposal of common organization. A real opposition to the system and a **radical moral, political and intellectual renewal with a global perspective** are needed.

**The perspective of Democratic Modernity**, developed by the Kurdistan Freedom Movement, today represents a concrete response to the prevailing capitalist patriarchy. The paradigm, with its three pillars of radical democracy, women's liberation and ecology, is not a concept that is relevant only to the societies of Kurdistan and the Middle East, but far beyond. The experience of the revolution in Kurdistan has helped democratic and socialist forces worldwide to find new orientation and inspiration. The successes of social self-organization in democratic confederalism have renewed hope and faith in the possibility of **a world beyond the current capitalist one**.

### International seminar from the Academy of Democratic Modernity

In order to discuss about the global perspectives of the Democratic Modernity paradigm we want to invite you to our international seminar from **17 May until 1 June 2024**, where people from different countries and movements will come together. The seminar will take place in **the Italian state**.

**Registration:** [seminar@democraticmodernity.com](mailto:seminar@democraticmodernity.com) (with the subject line: Spring seminar).

- Registration mail with: name, country, organisation/group
- After registration: Exact location, exact arrival/departure dates and a list of what to bring
- Limited number of participants: Wait for confirmation from us by e-mail.
- The main spoken language is **English**, for interpreting into other languages, please contact us.
- Suggested contribution to the **solidarity economy** (accommodation, transport, meals and other expenses) is €100/€150/€200.

### About our social education work

Through educational work, society renews itself and continues to develop. Life itself is a subject and style of education. In other words, **society itself is like a university**. We are not only interested in theoretical analyses, but in a change of thinking, of attitudes and thus in a social change. Through a deep awareness of history, we want to acquire the skills to be able to develop solutions to current issues ourselves. Our understanding of education is not one that puts teachers on one side and learners on the other. With certain experiences and qualifications, **everyone takes on both a teaching and learning role**.

### Content of our seminars

Our seminars will be an introduction and deepening of the **democratic, ecological and women's liberation paradigm**. Some of the question we will address throughout the seminars are: How to

search for truth? **What does a free life mean for us?** How can we redefine revolution, politics and democracy? What is the role of women's liberation in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? What is the role of social science for liberating society? How can we build unity within diversity and take steps towards world democratic confederalism? There will be lectures and workshops about the history of society and civilisation, **sociology of freedom, Jineolojî & women's liberation ideology, democratic world confederalism** and more. For us, education is also a place where we put an emphasis on collective life, which will be expressed in the way we organise our daily life in communes to self-organise ourselves. We'll also introduce different organisational methods of critics and self-critics. Also, since friends from different places, struggles and experiences will be participating, there will be space for exchange and to get a perspective on social struggles worldwide. In addition to the lectures and discussions, we also want to have a **cultural exchange**. You are therefore invited to bring your songs, instruments, poems, stories and other surprises.

If you have any further questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us.  
We look forward to seeing you and spending a meaningful time together!

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