

Introduction

Changing Our Story, Changing Our Lives

Self-Paced
Course with
Riane Eisler



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Welcome!

It is time for a narrative about human history, human nature, and human possibilities that guides us in building a more just, sustainable and peaceful world.

I'm delighted to welcome you to this course! We are living in times of great change and great challenge. Yet, across the world, people like you are rising to the call of creating a better world — a world built on peace, equality, and caring for one another and for our planet.

I've devoted my life's work to uncovering a forgotten, but deeply hopeful, story that has been part of our heritage all along and is today supported by powerful evidence from social and biological science. This story — unlike the ones we've been told — includes ALL of us: women, children, and men alike.

In the videos and materials that follow, you will discover fresh possibilities for the part you play in that story and how we can work together through the global Partnerism Movement to build a better future.

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About This Course

Riane Eisler is widely recognized as one of the most original thinkers of our time, and her work has empowered women and men worldwide. In this exciting self-paced online course, she guides us in a transformational exploration of how the new social categories of Domination and Partnership Systems — first introduced in her best-seller *The Chalice and The Blade* — empower us to co-create a better future for ourselves, our children, and generations to come.

Together, we're going to investigate how our fundamental assumptions about gender, family life, economics, and cultural values shape our human experience. We will draw on new findings about cultural evolution, history, gender studies, economics, political science, neuroscience, and the study of relational dynamics to discover a hopeful new story about what is possible for us as human beings and for the societies we create.

As you watch the four videos narrated by Riane Eisler and follow along with the workbooks, transcripts, and study guides, you'll see how the Domination/Partnership Social Scale reveals the underlying patterns that determine whether a society supports cruelty, violence, and control, or whether it nurtures our human capacities for creativity, consciousness, and caring.

Whether you are new to Riane Eisler's work or have studied it for years, this course will deepen your understanding of Domination and Partnership Systems and will prepare you to embody partnership values, advocate for Partnership policies, and apply Partnership practices in your own family, workplace, and community.

Course Outline

Module 1: Where We Are

Does it have to be this way? Are violence, cruelty, and domination just 'human nature'? Or are there alternatives - and if so, what are they?

Module 2: How We Got Here

What is the historical evidence that humans are capable of living in peace and honoring life?

Module 3: Human Possibilities & Human Nature

Are primate brains wired for empathy or cruelty? How do cultural patterns of Domination or Partnership shape our brains and our behavior?

Module 4: Moving Forward

What are the key leverage points for creating the urgently needed cultural shift toward Partnership Systems?

Module 5: Accelerating the Shift

What actions will you take as a leader in the Partnership Movement?

Course Materials

- 4 Videos
- 4 Video Transcripts
- 5 Interactive Digital Workbooks
- References and Resource Guides
- Private Course Discussion Room