

## Here and Now with Mari Emily Bohley & Laurie Doctor & Birgit Nass & Massimo Polello



### Make a book with four different teachers in Tuscany

Because we love working together so much and we found a wonderful course venue in Tuscany we decided to offer a unique course at this special place. We will have a pool, amazing food, a lot of room to work in different spaces, a half-day off to explore around where we are and we are hoping to have fantastic group of students like last time. The result of this course will be a book which will be filled with the experiences you will make with the four international teachers. The theme of the book will be "Here and Now". We will be learning to be aware of place and time and how to translate that into words, sketches, calligraphy and drawings. Laurie will be exploring principles of landscape (scale, distance, pattern, repetition, time, movement...) and translating these principles into text. Massimo will be working with cursive writing, starting from our personal handwriting and will be developed using historical scripts. With Birgit you can find a concept throughout the book with interesting page designs and colors. Mari will be providing the book structures to bring it all together.

We will bring all the basic materials and tools for making the book. Please bring your personal calligraphy tools and if possible writing fluid.

### Six days in Tuscany

Date: 5 to 10 of September 2020

Time: Saturday evening to Thursday lunch

Place: Villa Palagione, Centro Interculturale, Loc. Palagione, I-56048 Volterra / Pisa, Italy  
[www.villa-palagione.org](http://www.villa-palagione.org)

Course Fee: 590 Euro (course fee, incl. basic materials)

Students: maximum 30 people (The students will be divided in groups and the teachers rotate and they will teach all groups the same amount of time.)

Registration: [info@mari-emily-bohley.de](mailto:info@mari-emily-bohley.de) oder [info@birgitnass.de](mailto:info@birgitnass.de)

### Accommodation

It must be booked directly with the house at [info@Villa-Palagione.org](mailto:info@Villa-Palagione.org)

There are 33 rooms and 28 of those are possible to book as double or single rooms. The prices vary from 63 Euro per night for small single rooms up to 118 Euro for large nicely decorated rooms. Double rooms start from 58 Euro per night. For meals you get to choose to have one, two or three meals per day. Because there so many choices, everybody has to book the accommodation directly with the team at the Villa Palagione. [www.villa-palagione.org](http://www.villa-palagione.org)

### Workshop venue

The Villa Palagione is located seven kilometres east of the 3000 year-old cultural centre of Volterra, on the southern slope of its historical mountain "Monte Voltraio". The villa has numerous large rooms and halls. The "Lords and Ladies" lived on the central floor, or "Bel-Etage", where today you can still find the most beautiful murals and frescoes. It offers accommodation for up to 65 guests, seminar and conference rooms, as well as beautiful gardens and a pool for recreation and relaxation. The in-house Tuscan cuisine varies according to the seasons and includes a breakfast buffet, and a midday or evening meal (a set meal with several courses) featuring regional specialties. For more information visit [www.villa-palagione.org](http://www.villa-palagione.org)

### Teachers

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