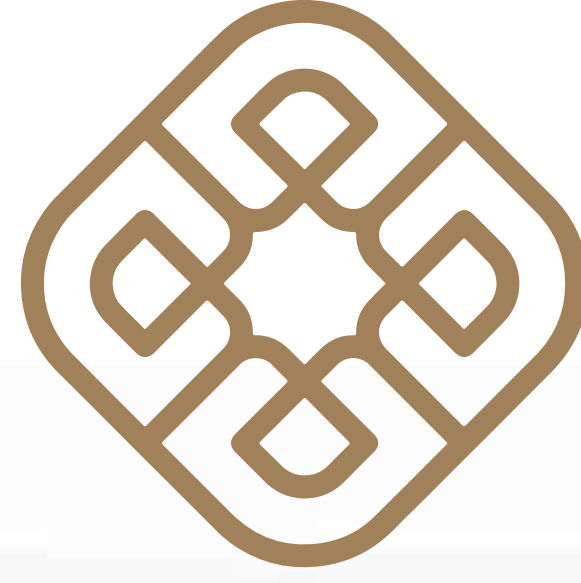


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Dear Colleagues, Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

MECAM looks back on exciting months (September to December 2022) that have been filled with events, meetings and exchange opportunities. With this newsletter, we would like to give you insights into our work from this period.



La violence à l'épreuve de la littérature : Rencontre avec Mustapha Benfodil (Algérie) et Samir Sassi (Tunisie)

15/09/2022

Professor Ratiba Hadj-Moussa discussed with Algerian writer Mustapha Benfodil and Tunisian writer Samir Sassi their works and their treatment of the civil war (Algeria) and authoritarian violence (Tunisia), the impacts of the those on their personal and artistic experiences, as well as the relationships of their works with public debates in their respective countries or more broadly.

Narrating Victimhood presented by Alina Giesen

16/09/2022

Organised by MECAM IFG III Memory & Justice the fellow Alina Giesen (PhD researcher at the Center for Conflict Studies at the Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany) presented her work conducted during her fellowship under the title "Narrating victimhood" examining the narration of memory in Morocco.

MECAM at the Deutscher Orientalistentag 2022 in Berlin

16/09/2022

MECAM IFG V alumni fellows gathered at the "Deutscher Orientalistentag" (DOT) in Berlin to disseminate the results of their research. The MECAM panels were organized into a double panel on "Identities and Beliefs," and divided into two sub-themes on "Muslim Identities and the Politics of Solidarity," and "Imaginarities of the Other".

The Transformation of Silence: with Héra Ammar and Souad Mani curated by Marianna Liosi

22/09/2022

"The Transformation of Silence" is curated by Marianna Liosi at Chapelle Saint Monique at I'HEC Carthage with the two Tunisian artists Héra Ammar et Souad Mani. The exhibition is one of the outcomes of Mariannas fellowship in 2021 within IFG III Memory & Justice.

The Mediterranean of Modernity: Global and Regional Perspectives

4-6/10/2022

The workshop "The Mediterranean of Modernity: Global and Regional Perspectives" took place between October 4 and 6 2022 at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient Berlin. MECAM director Khaled Kchir presented our institution during the workshop in Berlin. In the framework of a roundtable, he discussed "The Modern Mediterranean in Global History" together with Manuel Borutta, Ulrike Freitag, Ilham Khuri-Makdisi, Nora Lafi and Georges Khalil as the moderator

Extractivism Annual International Conference 2022 "Raw Materials, the Global South and Development in the 21st Century: mobilizing rents, grasping extractivist societies."

12-14/10/2022

With the participation of MECAM director Prof. Rachid Ouassa the collaborative research project Extractivism.de organizes its first Annual International Conference from the 12th to the 14th of October, 2022, in Kassel, Germany. The conference's theme is "Raw Materials, the Global South and Development in the 21st Century: mobilizing rents, grasping extractivist societies.". This year's conference aims to reconceptualize the theoretical relationship between extractivism and rents, stimulating deeper analyses concerning the particular and nuanced types of rent-led development

Masterclass Tunis 2022 : Pratiques d'écriture scientifique et approches

25 -10 au 05 -11/ 2022

Dans le cadre de la « Masterclass Tunis 2022 » organisée et encadrée par l'IRMC entre le 25 octobre 2022 et le 05 novembre 2022 et intitulée « Pratiques d'écriture scientifique et approches méthodologiques en sciences humaines et sociales » avec des doctorants algériens, le MECAM s'est impliqué à travers l'engagement de son coordinateur académique, Dr Julius Dihstelhoff. Dr Dihstelhoff a donné une unité d'enseignement sur le thème « Petite introduction interactive à la recherche sociale empirique et la recherche par interviews«

11 /11/ 2022

Inaugural lecture of the Chair Hichem Djaït : Histories and cultures of Islam entitled « Orientalisme et occidentalisme : de la grande divergence à la grande convergence »

For the launch of the “Hichem Djaït Chair: Histories and Cultures of Islam” within the University of Tunis – inaugurated in March 2022 in homage to the great Tunisian Islamologist and historian – the University of Tunis in partnership with the Institute of Research on the Contemporary Maghreb (IRMC), the National Library of Tunisia and the MECAM, has decided to start a cycle of conferences dedicated to him. Within this framework, starting in November, a professor of international renown will be invited each month to give a lecture related to the thematic field of Hichem Djaït’s research. Pr. Henry Laurens (Professor at the Collège de France/Paris, France) for the Inaugural Lecture entitled “Orientalisme et occidentalisme : de la grande divergence à la grande convergence “. Other internationally renowned scientists will be invited to Tunis in the following months.



Workshops and conferences

19- 26 /11/ 2022.

Traveling Academy « De-Colonizing Knowledge – Views from India and Tunisia », New-Delhi/India

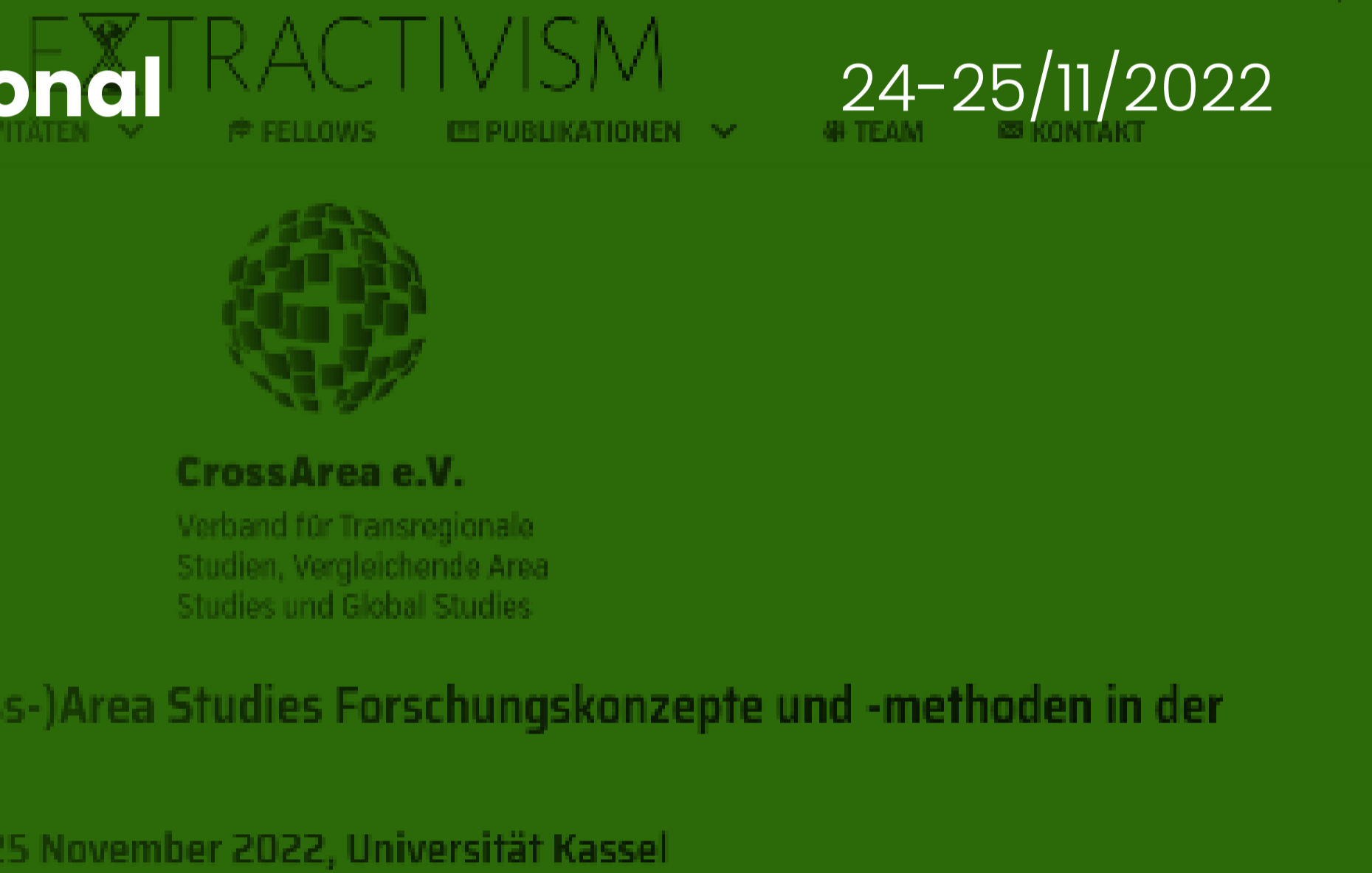
Colonial structures, institutional as well as epistemological, still persist in academies across the world. One central goal of the Merian Centres is to face up to this challenge and work towards a decolonization of academic practices, based on equality and mutual respect between partner institutions coming from diverse geopolitical contexts. The Merian Centers MECAM (Tunisia) and ICAS:MP (India), along with the Max Weber Forum for South Asian Studies (India), are jointly organizing a conference on “Decolonizing knowledge - Perspectives from India and Tunisia”. The two central animating questions of this conference are as follows: • How to understand and theorize the persistence of (neo-)colonial histories at the heart of our present? • How to engage the root causes of the Euro-American epistemological hegemony, in terms of existing institutional arrangements, funding structures, direction



Traveling Academy

Extractivism in Comparison: Reflexions on Trans-Regional Research Concepts and Methods

CrossArea e.V. in cooperation with BMBF Collaborative Research Project Extractivism.de / Merian Centre for Advanced Studies in the Maghreb (MECAM), Universities of Marburg and Tunis, GIGA German Institute for Global and Area Studies Hamburg / Centro de Estudios Latinoamericanos (CELA), University of Kassel / Centrum for Near and Middle Eastern Studies (CNMS), University of Marburg / Merian Centre for Advanced Latin American Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences (CALAS) / University of Kassel, and Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico organizes the annual conference



Workshops and conferences

MECAM Meeting – Executive Council of University of Tunis

The MECAM team was invited to participate in the Council meeting of the University of Tunis. The two directors of MECAM, Khaled Kchir and Rachid Ouaiassa, presented the results of the first phase of the centre and the future programme for the next six years. The Board of the University of Tunis gave its approval to MECAM’s assessment, complimented the project’s achievements and then voted unanimously to support MECAM further. Khaled Kchir was also appointed as MECAM Director by the Université de Tunis for another 2 years.



MECAM Governance

MECAM Meeting – of joint Executive Council and International Advisory Board Meeting

MECAM was pleased to welcome its Joint Executive Council and the International Advisory Board in Tunis: In different meetings, motions were discussed and new perspectives were identified. There was also room for exchange between the partners. MECAM thanks all partners for the dedicated cooperation and the pleasant exchange in Tunis.



MECAM Governance