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# Happy Birthday to MECAM!

The publication of this first newsletter coincides with the first anniversary of the Merian Center for Advanced Studies in the Maghreb's establishment. Happy birthday to MECAM! It is a pleasure to share with our partners and readers the fruits of our labor during this difficult year, disrupted by the Covid 19 pandemic. It is thanks to the willingness of the University of Tunis and the German Philipps-Universität Marburg to promote research in the fields of humanities and social sciences, that the challenge of carrying out our international cooperation project is almost won.

This newsletter has been designed to inform about our activities and to communicate with researchers interested and involved in the niches we propose. The meaning behchosen slogan defines the objectives of MECAM: Imagining the future through the challenge of disparities. Our ambition is to create a space for dialogue, exchange, and interdisciplinary academic research between the generations of different universities. This is a newsletter that we want to launch from the outset to support MECAM in its role as a platform for international knowledge communication and a leading research center in and about the Maghreb and the MENA region in general.

Funded by the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), the Merian Center for Advanced Study is an internationally oriented center for interdisciplinary research and scientific exchange. MECAM is based at the University of Tunis with partnerships in Casablanca (Morocco) and Beirut (Lebanon). The coordination is ensured by the Philipps-Universität Marburg and the University of Tunis. The center is supported by a consortium of Tunisian and German research institutions: the Philipps-Universität Marburg, the University of Tunis, the Universität Leipzig, the German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA) of Hamburg, the Forum Transregionale Studien of Berlin, the Tunisian Institute of Strategic Studies (ITES) and the University of Sfax. MECAM is housed at the Institut Supérieur des Études Appliquées en Humanités de Tunis (ISEAHT).

The choice of Tunis is explained by the fact that Tunisia represents a laboratory for experimentation with hot research topics such as migration, disparities, the sharing and exploitation of wealth throughout the world, identity conflicts, upheavals, forms of acculturation, etc. In addition to its main headquarters, MECAM plans to have two secondary sites in Morocco and Lebanon to further promote the Center's trans-regional research perspective. Due to its location, the Maghreb links three regions of the world: Africa, the Middle East and Europe. It thus represents a space of exchange and hybridity at the intersection of various geographical, religious, cultural, political, and economic spaces. The goals of MECAM are to strengthen, internationalize and connect the scientific cooperation between Germany, Tunisia, and the Maghreb.

Five thematic research clusters have been selected: Inequality and Mobility; Memory and Justice; Aesthetics and Cultural Practice; Resources and Sustainability; and Identities and Beliefs. They all address the overarching research question of the specific forms through which disparity manifests itself and how this influences the development and negotiation of different future models. The thematic scope of the clusters is intentionally kept open during the preliminary phase of the project to ensure full research freedom for the fellows and to allow innovative and interdisciplinary research approaches to address specific thematic areas within the clusters. In addition to this scholarship program, academic sessions are held inside and outside the region, "Traveling Academies", as well as a series of public lectures entitled "Rencontres Ibn Khaldun".

We hope that this broad program will interest colleagues and encourage them to join the various teams that will be created with their input and valuable contributions. We look forward to your feedback.



Prof. Dr. Rachid Ouaisa



Prof. Dr. Khaled Kchir

# Greetings from the President of the Philipps-Universität Marburg



The Merian Center for Advanced Studies in the Maghreb (MECAM) promotes the active strengthening of internationalization and networking of universities in a global perspective. By integrating ambitious research and a fruitful intercultural dialogue, the Center will be a focal point in the alliance of renowned partner institutions from Germany and the Maghreb region. We are very honored to contribute to this effort.

The establishment of the MECAM in Tunis permits the study of the historical, current and future development of the Maghreb region from an interdisciplinary perspective and in direct dialogue with local researchers and universities. This promotes bilateral academic cooperation and creates sustainable intercultural scientific networks. Tunisia, the starting point of the "Arab Spring", is an excellent place as a "laboratory" for exploring the dynamics of political, cultural, social and economic transformation. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to my colleague, Professor Sidhom, who has been a strong supporter of this project from the beginning, providing space and a home for our Center.

The Merian Center will make a major contribution to the ongoing internationalization of the humanities and social sciences in the participating countries and institutions. The Center offers a unique opportunity to promote cross-cultural and interdisciplinary academic exchange and will become an internationally visible and recognized forum for scholarly exchange and dialogue as well as a focal point for research on the development dynamics in the Maghreb region and throughout the Near and Middle East.

The Merian Center is integrated into the strategic goals of the Philipps-Universität Marburg, which aim to develop and strengthen specific research areas in cooperation with German and international partners. As a university with a long tradition, we offer teaching and research on a wide range of subjects from the humanities and social sciences to natural sciences and medicine. In order to further strengthen our research portfolio, we follow a global strategy, focusing on a defined number of areas of excellence, which we promote with regional and international partners. Furthermore, we have a strong interest in further expanding our research profile in Near and Middle Eastern and North African studies. Thus, we see the Merian Center in Tunis as an extraordinary opportunity to create an innovative space for joint research between German and Maghrebian as well as international scholars. The Merian Center will be accompanied by a new chair for Maghrebian Studies and a liaison office of the University of Marburg in Tunis to promote and coordinate German-Tunisian and German-Maghrebian scientific cooperation.

I am very much looking forward to learning more about the implementation and development of the project. I especially hope that circumstances will allow us to meet personally in Tunis in the very near future.

# Greetings from the President of the University of Tunis



It is my pleasure to announce the publication of the first issue of the Newsletter of the Merian Center for Advanced Studies on the Maghreb, the fruit of a successful and recent cooperation between the University of Tunis and the Philipps-Universität Marburg. It is a great honor for us to have hosted the MECAM at the University of Tunis.

The creation of the MECAM is for us, a happy concretization of a positive step within the University of Tunis, in order to strengthen one of the objectives, namely internationalisation, fixed within the framework of the Strategic Orientation Plan of our university which counts 16.500 students, 1300 teachers and 33 research laboratories. Indeed, the humanities and social sciences represent more than half of the scientific fields within our university; so, it was compulsory for us to promote these fields of knowledge. Within the framework of this strategy, a fortunate meeting with our German colleagues, headed by Dr. Katharina Krause, President of the University of Marburg, has enabled us to realize a dream that is threefold; developing the humanities and social sciences, improving the visibility of the University of Tunis, and developing the initiation of research at the international level, especially with German universities and research institutes.

The launch of this newsletter is significant in more ways than one. It consolidates our determination to move forward in this pandemic context that forces us to work at a distance and allows us to celebrate the extraordinary birth of MECAM. Our center is a happy newborn. We are in the process of establishing it on a solid basis during this crucial phase of setting up; we are proud of it both in Tunisia and in Germany. We would like to express our gratitude to the Tunisian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, which has spared no effort to bring this partnership to fruition, as well as to the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, which has kindly agreed to finance this ambitious project. In three years, MECAM will be mature and able to reach a cruising speed that will take it far on the international scale of research in the humanities and social sciences thanks to the combined efforts and skills of our two countries as well as that of other partners from Morocco and Lebanon.

Let me conclude by recalling our partners in Germany, Tunisia, Morocco and Lebanon: The University of Leipzig, the German Institute for Global and Area Studies in Hamburg, the Forum Transregionale Studien in Berlin, the University of Sfax, the Tunisian Institute of Strategic Studies, the Hassan II University in Casablanca and the Lebanese American University. Finally, I would like to thank all the colleagues who have accepted to serve on the scientific and executive boards of MECAM.



# The Coordination Office

MECAM is located on the campus of L'Institut Supérieur des Études Appliquées en Humanités de Tunis (ISEAHT): Merian Centre for Advanced Studies in the Maghreb (MECAM): 27, rue Florian Borj Zouara | 1029 Tunis.



MECAM's Coordination Office provides operational, practical aid and support in four related areas of work: management, infrastructure and administration, network and communication, and academic activities.

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# MECAM's Partners



Université de Tunis

The University of Tunis was founded in 1960 and is today, with approximately 20,000 students, one of the largest universities in Tunisia. It has a vast research and teaching portfolio and boasts a reputation of excellence in research throughout the region.

The Philipps-Universität Marburg, with its 25,000 students, has a research center for regional studies: the Center for Near and Middle East Studies (CNMS). The CNMS is involved in MECAM along with other interdisciplinary institutions and departments, including the Center for Conflict Studies, the Department of History and Cultural Studies, the Institutes for Media Studies and Romance Philology, and the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

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The Universität Leipzig is a German university with approximately 30,000 students. Within the institutional structure of MECAM, the university is represented by the Institute of Geography, the Institute of Oriental Studies and the Small Business Training Program (SEPT).

The German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA) is an independent research institute based in Hamburg, Germany. It conducts research on politics, economics, and society in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East, as well as on global issues. Within MECAM, the GIGA is involved through the Institute for Middle East Studies (IMES).

# G I G A

German Institute for Global and Area Studies  
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# MECAM's Partners

## Forum Transregionale Studien

The Forum Transregionale Studien is a platform that promotes the internationalization of research in the humanities and social sciences. It enables collaboration between researchers from different disciplines and awards grants to researchers from all over the world.

ITES is a think tank based in Tunis. It conducts studies and analyses in the field of applied policy research, strategy development and policy advice on various current issues in Tunisia, the Maghreb, and other MENA countries.



The University of Sfax is located in the second largest city in Tunisia and an important economic center in the south of the country. It is attended by 35,000 students.

The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research is sponsoring the establishment of the International Center for Humanities Research with 1.7 million Euros in the first three years. The University of Tunis is providing additional resources.

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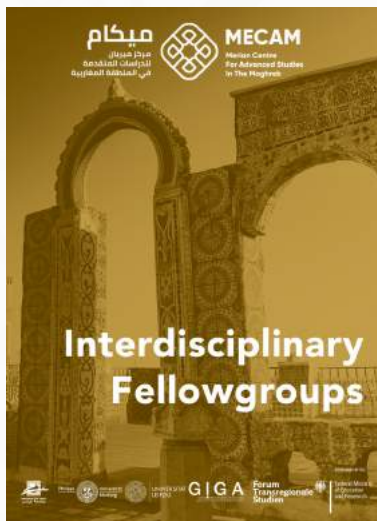
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# MECAM'S FORMATS

## Rencontres Ibn Khaldun

Public events are held regularly at the MECAM location in Tunis under the title Rencontres Ibn Khaldun, in reference to the Maghrebian philosopher and sociologist of the 14th century. These events aim to present MECAM's research to a broader and non-academic public and to foster the dialogue between academic research, arts, politics and civil society.



## Interdisciplinary Fellowgroups

Each IFG is constituted by five scholars at different stages of their academic career and with various disciplinary and geographical backgrounds. The Fellows take up residence in Tunis and work together at the MECAM location on their self-chosen projects for a duration of four months. As members of one of MECAM's five research clusters, they engage with scholars from the partner institutions and their networks on issues of common concern. Questions and outcomes of research and debate are presented in seminars, and lectures, published as books, working papers and essays.

## Traveling Academy

The format of the Traveling Academy reflects the interregional and dynamic nature of the centre. Scholars from the Maghreb, Germany and other parts of the world form an academy as a dynamic forum. These forums travel, test and discuss ideas and reflections in other countries and in different research contexts.



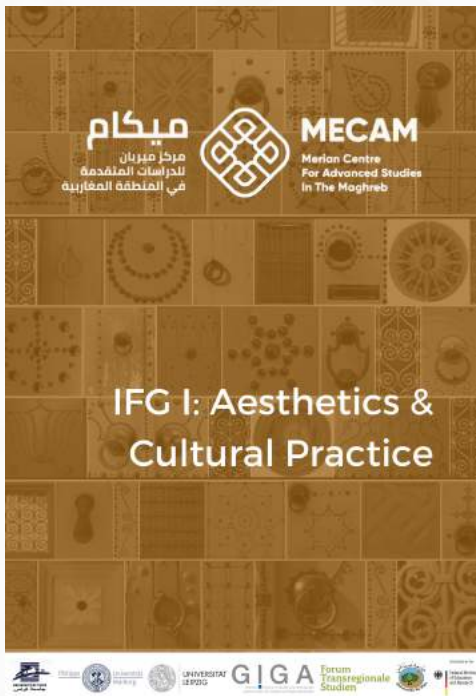
# MECAM'S EVENTS

## New Year Celebration:

Before the end of the year holidays, on December 22nd 2020, the MECAM office held a small celebration in the office to wish the whole team, including the ISEAHT staff, a happy new year.



## IFG I Selection:



The first selection of MECAM IFG fellows for the cluster "Aesthetics & Cultural Practice" was made in December. Out of 63 applications from 19 different countries MECAM selected the following fellows:

**Rasha Chatta**, Postdoc, "Visual (Hi)stories of Diaspora: MENA Graphic Narratives Present and Future", Forum Transregionale Studien/ Germany.

**Sahar El Echi**, PhD candidate, "Migrant Narratives and aesthetic practices in Mediterranean Cinema", Ecole supérieure de l'audiovisuel et du cinéma (ESAC)/ Tunisia.

**Farouk El Maarouf**, PhD candidate, "The Aesthetics of the Margin: Vernacular art Communities, Curious Dealers, Unorthodox art Consumers and Alternative Visualities", Ibn Tofail University/ Morocco.

**Katarzyna Falecka**, Postdoc, "Legacies of Nationalism, State Building and Solidarity Networks in Contemporary Art from North Africa and the Middle East", Centre d'Études Maghrébines à Tunis/ Tunisia

**Teresa Pepe**, Senior, "Environmental Imaginaries in Egyptian and Tunisian Dystopian Fiction, University of Oslo/ Norway

**Angela Rabing**, PhD candidate, "Digital Documentations of Migration Movements" Universität Bremen / Germany

# MECAM'S EVENTS

## Rencontre Ibn Khaldun:

The first Rencontre Ibn Khaldun took place on 19 February 2021 on the topic "Covid 19, Teaching and Research in Times of Pandemic: Situation in Tunisia and Germany".



## MECAM - Introduction to Tunisian researchers:

The MECAM presentation meeting for Tunisian researchers took place on 17 March 2021. It was attended by 44 participants. It was conceived as a preparatory meeting for the Get together between German and Tunisian researchers which will take place in May.



# **Covid19. Teaching and Research during a Pandemic: Situation in Tunisia and Germany**

## **REPORT ON THE FIRST RENCONTRE IBN KHALDUN OF FEBRUARY 19, 2021**

This get together organized by the MECAM coordination office took place online via Zoom, and included interventions by Habib Sidhom (President of the University of Tunis), Abdelwahed Mokni (President of the University of Sfax), Olaf Müller (Professor of Romanic Philology at the Philipps-Universität), Alena Strohmaier (Post-doc Researcher, Department of Media Studies, Center for Near and Middle East Studies at the Philipps University of Marburg) and Khouloud Dérouiche (Doctoral student in History at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Tunis).

Inaugurated by Khaled Kchir (Co-Director of MECAM), the meeting was moderated by Rachid Ouaisa (Co-Director of MECAM) and Saoussen Krichen (Vice-Director of MECAM) who asked various questions pertaining to research and teaching in the pandemic context. Khaled Kchir began his intervention by thanking the participants and retracing the genesis of MECAM. Founded in the midst of a global health crisis, this centre is the fruit of a partnership between Tunisia and Germany, aimed at enriching the regional academic landscape. He then presented MECAM's program, including research studies and scientific meetings. He took this opportunity to pay tribute to Ibn Khaldun, the scholar whose name was given to MECAM's Rencontres, and who also witnessed a pandemic: the black plague.

### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING IN TIMES OF CRISIS: FACTORS OF DISPARITY**

Rachid Ouaisa and Saoussen Krichen then introduced the speakers before giving them the floor through a first question on research and teaching in times of crisis.

The responses evoked the unforeseen nature of the pandemic and its consequences. Habib Sidhom mentioned the "terrible punishment" that the crisis represented, as well as the university's attempts to overcome it, especially through trying to maintain the pace of research and keep the courses going despite the mobility restrictions enforced on students and researchers.

Abdelwahed Mokni, for his part, placed the current context in a series of crises that Tunisia has been experiencing since 2011, considering the pandemic an added crisis unknown for decades. He then recalled the ethical dimension of the university and its societal commitment.

Olaf Müller looked back at the practical and technical limitations that marked the onset of the crisis, as manifested in the lack of high-performance video equipment and a stable Wi-Fi connection for many students, but he also discussed the advancement to the now routine practice of social distancing. He reminded everyone of the fact that classes could take place despite the strange feeling provoked in teachers by "talking alone" in front of the screen, which, he continued, makes Covid-19 a "high end pandemic" allowing for life to continue despite the restrictions.



From a research point of view, Alena Strohmaier showcased the negative consequences of such an epidemic on her budding research project, which initially planned to organize festivals, meetings, seminars, etc. She nevertheless welcomed the existence of a virtual alternative, which led to "a new form of conviviality", comparing -in this context- the digitalization movement to the invention of the printing press. Being a practice that revolutionized knowledge in the 15th century, printing bears witness to the multiple consequences of a new medium. Today, digital media is, according to her, a new tool in the lineage of devices that have revolutionized the access to knowledge.

It gives scholarly exchanges a cinematographic character, since, during digital meetings, everyone is seen simultaneously, up close, with different backgrounds, in frames that do not allow us to distinguish what is happening to either side of the speaker. However, the researcher maintained that one must be wary of a perceived "utopia of newfound closeness between countries" due to digital technology. In her eyes, the question of infrastructure remains crucial, as inequalities and disparities become more visible with the pandemic.

## UNIVERSITIES' MANAGEMENT OF THE CRISIS AND THE MAINTENANCE OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH STUDENTS

This theme allowed speakers to revisit how the crisis has "enriched the vocabulary" of universities with the emergence of new concepts such as "face to face" versus "digital" classrooms, as well as what a "lockdown" means for courses. "Behind every word there are procedures that have to be faced" (Habib Sidhom).

The presidents of the University of Tunis and the University of Sfax focused on students, who they considered the "weak link" hit the hardest by the upheaval of the academic year. With disruptive factors such as the difficulty of maintaining an educational contact via email or social networks, the need for psychological support, the disparities between students, as well as logistical improvisation and uncertainty, the lockdown has not made it easy to complete the year's courses.

According to Habib Sidhom, faculties teaching information technology have had more ease in adapting than those offering courses in humanities and social sciences. Material differences between the individual students as well as the regions where students were locked down present an added layer of disparity, with differences in access to a stable network, in means to a 3G or 4G connection, the possession or lack thereof of a computer... For Abdelwahed Mokni, after the state of panic and the desertion movement at the beginning, the goal was to avoid the "blank year" scenario at all costs. To illustrate the efforts provided to this end, he referred to the example of the University of Sfax which has managed to set up a digital platform providing 780 interactive courses, as well as offering access to Algerian universities.

Olaf Müller discussed the evolution of the relationship with virtual classes, between initial reluctance and the adoption of a practice that quickly became the standard. He discussed the advantages of such an approach, which allows students to attend online conferences and then discuss them in class, when previously, few students attended evening lectures. He welcomed more active participation on the student side. Before leaving the meeting, Olaf Müller handed over to his doctoral student, Tobias Fritzsche, who spoke about the importance of finding new concepts for school virtualization.

Khouloud Dérouiche specified that despite the pandemic, international exchanges have been maintained. However, after obtaining a scholarship in France, she found herself confined in a room for 2 weeks during the second wave, with authorizations to go to a library where places were extremely limited. She then mentioned a study by the Pasteur Institute on the declining mental health of doctoral students during the period of lockdown.

## A DOUBLE-EDGED PANDEMIC

Abdelwahed Mokni reminded that universities have made savings compared to the funding allocated in conferences, hotels, room rentals, etc. These savings have made it possible to purchase the hardware and software necessary for digitization. He mentioned the digital switchover at the University of Sfax which has made it possible to obtain online services without having to travel and has saved paper. It thus highlights the environmental commitment that "e-administration" allows. Habib Sidhom brought up the "wind of solidarity" that has blown over universities and civil society: donation of no-longer-needed equipment for students and assistance to foreign students in lock-down who had no access to means of subsistence were abundant.

Alena Strohmaier spoke of the fact that despite the relative ease of attending conferences, disparities remain persistent. In online formats, people find themselves anonymous and find it difficult to interact with others. In this context, Rachid Ouaisa brought up one of MECAM's key issues, which is that of disparities. He mainly evoked the differences between the global North and the global South which are aggravated by technical and digital dependency. Abdelwahed Mokni added that dependency now affects the sanitary dimension and explored a new form of colonialism that, instead of employing armies or capital, exploits the strategic products that are medicines and vaccines. The moderators then took questions from the audience that revolved around the need for face-to-face interaction, new research questions, psychological support for students and teachers, and the possibility of imagining the future post-covid as a teacher or researcher.

Finally, Rachid Ouaisa closed the Rencontre by thanking the MECAM coordination office, whose members ensured the successful unfolding of the meeting. He ceded the floor to Khaled Kchir who concluded that the crisis of Covid 19 acted as a revelation of the disparities, at the international as well as the national level.

# Calls and Opportunities

## Grants / Fellowships:

- **Two Doctoral Researchers (m/f/d) in Junior Research Group:**

The Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence at the University of Bayreuth, funded by the Excellence Strategy of the German Federal and State Governments, invites applications for part-time positions (75%) for Two Doctoral Researchers (m/f/d) in the Junior Research Group 'Politics of the unknown. Conspiracism and Conflict'.

Application Deadline: 30/04/2021.

More details [here](#).

- **Prix Michel Seurat:**

Le Prix Michel Seurat a été institué par le CNRS en juin 1988 pour « honorer la mémoire de ce chercheur du CNRS, disparu dans des conditions tragiques. Ce programme vise à aider financièrement chaque année un jeune chercheur, ressortissant d'un pays européen ou d'un pays du Proche-Orient ou du Maghreb [...] ».

D'un montant de 15 000 € en 2021, le Prix est ouvert aux titulaires d'un master 2 ou d'un diplôme équivalent, âgés de moins de 35 ans révolus et sans condition de nationalité, de toutes disciplines, dont la recherche doctorale en cours porte sur les sociétés contemporaines du monde arabe, domaine envisagé comme ouvert et en interaction avec d'autres contextes et traditions intellectuels.

Date limite de dépôt des candidatures : 15/04/2021 (minuit, heure de Paris).

More details [here](#).

- **Contrats doctoraux (3 ans):**

Le Laboratoire d'Excellence HASTEC (Histoire et anthropologie des savoirs, des techniques et des croyances) propose pour les années universitaires 2021-2022 quatre contrats doctoraux (3 ans) et de six contrats de recherche post-doctorale (1 an) à de jeunes chercheurs inscrivant leur enquête dans les champs du LabEx. Le projet scientifique du LabEx HASTEC est de comprendre, dans leur historicité et à travers les liaisons mouvantes que ces trois termes entretiennent entre eux, sur la longue durée, l'entrelacs des savoirs, des techniques et des croyances, par quoi se modèlent et se reconfigurent les sociétés humaines, les corps politiques, mais aussi le patrimoine mental (intellectuel, spirituel, religieux, philosophique, scientifique) et la capacité pratique de l'humanité.

Date limite : 04/05/2021.

More details [here](#).



- **Chercheur associé Bibliothèque nationale de France:**

La Bibliothèque nationale de France publie chaque année un appel à chercheurs afin de s'associer le concours de jeunes chercheurs à des fins d'étude et de valorisation de ses collections, en priorité celles inédites, méconnues ou insuffisamment décrites. Le statut de chercheur associé offre un accueil et un accompagnement dans un département de la BnF, avec un accès facilité aux collections. Les candidats peuvent postuler à l'un des deux statuts :

- statut sans bourse de recherche;
- statut avec l'une des deux bourses de recherche spécifiques.

Date limite de réception : 26/04/2021 à 12:00 (heure de Paris).

More details [here](#).

## Positions:

- **Associate Director, Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies at the School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford (California, United States).**

No deadline.

More details [here](#).

- **Position of a Research and Outreach Associate at the University of Cambridge - HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Centre of Islamic Studies.**

Deadline: 25/04/2021.

More details [here](#).

## Call for Papers:

- **Appel à contributions / n° 23 Revue Clio@themis:** « Droit et folie en situation coloniale. Perspectives impériales comparées (XIXe-XXe siècles) » Law and Madness in Colonial Situations. Comparative Imperial Perspectives (19th and 20th centuries) – Coord. par Silvia FALCONIERI (CNRS, IMAF)

Les propositions d'articles (d'un maximum de 3500 caractères, espaces comprises) devront être envoyées à l'adresse suivante : [silviafalconieri\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:silviafalconieri(at)gmail.com) pour le 1er juin 2021.

Date limite: 01/06/2021.

More details [here](#).

- **Colloque 2020 (suite) : Des Féminismes noirs:**

Appel à contributions - Numéro spécial du Journal of Women's History édité par Jennifer Anne Boittin et Jacqueline Couti.

Ce numéro spécial fait suite à la conférence Des féminismes noirs en contexte (post)impérial français ? Histoires, expériences et théories (mars 3-5, 2020) dont les communications ont révélé l'existence chez les chercheuses et chercheurs, d'une préoccupation constante de rendre compte de la condition des femmes dans la pluralité de ses expressions. Présente dans plusieurs espaces, souvent au même moment, mais sans qu'il y ait toujours eu contact ou dialogue entre les différents sites - en Afrique, aux Antilles, ou encore en Europe. La conférence a ainsi mis au jour l'existence de protestations dispersées dans l'histoire. Ces revendications féminines variées interrogent l'idée d'un récit du féminisme qui, centré sur l'expérience de femmes blanches ou des revendications des féministes noirs états-uniennes, tend à l'invisibilisation des luttes menées en France et dans les (ex)colonies par des femmes noires. Ce numéro spécial veut continuer les discussions et le dialogue entamés lors de ce colloque, en les approfondissant et en les pérennisant.

Date limite : 01/06/2021.

More details [here](#).

- **Call for contributions Journal de la Medina:**

URBAN COMMONS / المشاعات العمرانية العامة / COMMUNS URBAINS

Founded in 2015, Journal de la Medina (JDLM) is a participatory publication created by an urban collective, that explores life in the city of Tunis through storytelling of different shapes and forms. The journal strives to bring together an engaged urban community by offering a platform for creative, critical and inclusive discourse [...]

In this spirit JDLM, in cooperation with the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Tunisie Tunis invites you to send your original contributions to be published as part of a new issue that will discuss various subjects related to URBAN COMMONS in Grand Tunis. We would like to hear stories (actual or imagined), dreams and visions that reflect the urgency and necessity of thinking about new and creative ways of cooperating, living together, distributing power and co-governing our resources in order to meet our shared collective needs in the city.

Deadline for submissions: 05/04/2021.

More details [here](#).

- **Appel à communication pour la huitième édition des Journées de l'association des doctorants la Halqa sur le thème: « Mobilisations et engagements dans les mondes arabes et musulmans (XVIIe - XXIe siècles) », Jeudi 1er et vendredi 2 juillet 2021, Aix-en-Provence.**

Date limite: 30/04/2021.

More details [here](#).

- **Colloque « La guerre du Rif (1921-1926) : nouvelles approches (France, Espagne, Maroc) »** Comité d'organisation : Walter Bruyère-Ostells (SHD/Sciences Po Aix/Mesopolhis), Karima Dirèche (CNRS-TELEMMe) ; Aurélia Dusserre (AMU-IREMAM) ; Arnaud-Dominique Houte (Sorbonne Université - CRH19) ; Mathieu Marly (Université de Lille - IRHIS).

Le centenaire de la bataille d'Anoual (1921) est l'occasion de repenser dans son ensemble la guerre du Rif, qui a mis aux prises les forces armées rifaines, françaises et espagnoles. Objet à la fois singulier, par sa nature et le terrain sur lequel elle se déroule, la guerre du Rif doit se lire de multiples façons, en confrontant les historiographies nationales et en décloisonnant des champs historiographiques particulièrement renouvelés ces dernières années. Le colloque sera très attentif à mettre en relation des archivistes et des chercheurs venus des trois pays concernés par l'événement (France, Espagne, Maroc), et travaillant dans des domaines différents (histoire militaire, histoire coloniale, histoire politique, histoire des relations internationales, liens entre histoire et mémoire, mais aussi anthropologie ou histoire de la santé...), rarement réunis lors de manifestations scientifiques.

Le colloque se déroulera du 17 au 19 novembre 2021, sur le site de la Maison Méditerranéenne des Sciences de l'Homme (MMSH) et de Sciences-Po Aix, à Aix-en-Provence.

Deadline: 30/04/2021.

More details [here](#).

- **Appel à communications à la journée d'études : « Articuler l'histoire sociale et environnementale : Proche-Orient, Maghreb, Afrique, XIXe-XXIe siècles », Aix-en-Provence, vendredi 20 mai 2022 (date à confirmer) –Organisateurs : Antonin Plarier (Université Lyon 3 / LARHRA) ; Iris Seri-Hersch (Aix-Marseille Université / IREMAM)**

Les propositions de communication, en français ou en anglais, comprenant un titre provisoire et limitées à 3 000 signes (espaces compris), sont à envoyer avant le 30 avril 2021 simultanément aux adresses suivantes : [antonin.plarier@univ-lyon3.fr](mailto:antonin.plarier@univ-lyon3.fr) et [iris.seri-hersch@univ-amu.fr](mailto:iris.seri-hersch@univ-amu.fr)

Date limite: 30/04/2021.

More details [here](#).

# Coming Soon



## MECAM'S WEBSITE

The official MECAM website is under construction and will soon be operational at [www.mecam.tn](http://www.mecam.tn). In the meantime, basic information about MECAM can be found [here](#).

## IFG I FELLOWS

The IFG I “Aesthetics & Cultural Practice” fellows will start their research with MECAM in May 2021 for 4 months in a digital format due to the health situation.



## CURRENT IFG SELECTION

Two calls for applications for IFG II "Inequality & Mobility" and IFG III "Memory & Justice" fellowships closed on 31 March 2021. All applications received will be processed and the results will be announced soon.



## GET TOGETHER

In May 2021, as part of its goal to be an exchange platform, MECAM will be hosting a Get Together between German and Tunisian academics.



