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PUBLIC PROGRAM – [Tawasol] Cultural Production and Policy Network

Time	Tuesday 08/04/2025	Wednesday 09/04/2025	Thursday 10/04/2025	Friday 11/04/2025
Venue	@ISMT	@4, Rue Mongi Slim, La Marsa	@Ennejma Ezzahra, Sidi Bou Said	@ Ennejma Ezzahra, Sidi Bou Said
09:30-11:00	Welcome and Opening By Slim Driss, Samir Becha, Rim Jmal, Meike Lettau, Ikbal Hamzaoui, Michèle Brand, Iyadh El Kahla Launch of Tawasol Knowledge Exchange Platform By Ikbal Hamzaoui & Michèle Brand Female Artists in Society: Film-Portraits from Tunis By Chiara Keßel		Welcome to Ennejma Ezzahra By Saloua Ben Hafaiedh Round Table: Foreign Cultural Policy. The Role of International Mediator Organisations in Tunisia Paul Leonhardt (German Embassy), Fanny Rolland (Institut Français), Saima Samoud (ELYSSA tn), Rabaa Mwelhi (Tunisia 88) Moderated by Meike Lettau	Round table: Science and International Knowledge Exchange in Tunisia Emna Beltaief (University of Tunis Merian Centre For Advanced Studies in the Maghreb), Laryssa Chomiak (American Institut of Maghrib Studies) Moderated by Alla El Kahla & Michèle Brand
11:30-12:30	Exploring Cairo's Underground Art Scene: Stories of Resilience and Artistic Resistance By Mohamed Ali Kechiche, Aaron Vilkama & Wajih Bejaoui		Panel Discussion: Cultural Policy in the Tunisian Context Mourad Sakli, Sonia Mbarek, Mehdi Mabrouk Moderated by Iyadh El Kahla	
14:00-16:00			A Dialogue Between Egypt's and Tunisia's Music Scenes By Hiba Kammarti and Souha Bachtobji Moderation by Ikbal Hamzaoui	
Evening program		16:00 - 21:00 Collectivise – A Network Approach towards Commoning in Arts and Culture By Meriam Bettouhami, Lilli Kim Schreiber, Bahman Iranpour & Julian Kraemer Installation by Interference @4, Rue Mongi Slim, La Marsa	17:00 Vernissage of Exhibition 'Places in the In-Between' By Ricarda Hommann, Julia Hartmann & Jan Ennker Artist Talk with Aisha Azab and Mehdi Temessek @ACID TAPE Gallery, Le Kram	

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Sina	Perkert	Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen
Salma	Kossemtini	Independent curator – Mouhit Space / Archive Ensemble
Paul	Leonhardt	Cultural Attaché, German Embassy Tunis
Fanny	Rolland	Institut Français, Tunis
Saima	Samoud	ELYSSA tn
Rabaa	Mwelhi	Tunisia 88
Larissa	Chomiak	American Institut of Maghrib Studies
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INVITATION AND REGISTRATION

You are kindly invited to participate in the public program of the "[\[Tawasol\] Cultural Production and Policy Network](#)" that will take place from **April 7th to 11th, 2025** in **Tunis**! This event will bring together Tawasol fellows, researchers and cultural practitioners for a few days of insightful discussions, networking, and hands-on learning. If you are planning to attend one or more parts of the program, kindly [register here](#). We look forward to our exchanges and to your insightful contributions,

ABOUT TAWASOL

The "[\[Tawasol\] Cultural Production and Policy Network](#)" (2023-2025) is an academic training program, that explores artistic expression as means of knowledge exchange and their socio-political dimensions. The network connects partners in Germany, Tunisia, Lebanon, and Egypt and is funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

VENUES

Institut Supérieur de Musique de Tunis (ISMT): [20 Av. de Paris, Tunis, Tunisia](#)

Ennejma Ezzahra: [Ennejma Ezzahra, 25 Rue du Maroc, Carthage, Tunisia](#)

ACID TAPE Gallery: [10 Rue de Tunis, Est 2015, Tunisia](#)

4, Rue Mongi Slim: [4, Rue Mongi Slim, La Marsa](#)

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