



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Publication Workshop

Deadline: 27 January 2026; 12.00h CET

The Merian Centre for Advanced Studies in the Maghreb (MECAM) invites applications for participation in the Publication Workshop held in Hamburg from 17-19 June 2026. MECAM's Publication Workshops seek to train the next generation of authors, reviewers, and editors among MECAM fellows, partners, and collaborators. MECAM's consortium partner in Hamburg, the German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), is an intellectual hub for social sciences with a cross-regional and global focus. GIGA organizes this workshop to strengthen the academic writing skills of scholars from within the MECAM network. In line with MECAM's guiding theme "Imagining Futures: Dealing with Disparity", the workshop inspires participants to discuss and rethink imbalances in academic knowledge production. The three-day programme will consist of seminars, roundtables, and hands-on writing and feedback sessions. The seminars will include practical guidance on academic writing and publishing in high quality journals. The writing sessions will be supported by academic mentors and editors of journals as well as the book series "Perspectives on the Maghreb" (Routledge).

The workshop is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Research, Technology, and Space (BMFTR) through the Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in the Maghreb (MECAM) based at the University of Tunis. MECAM has been founded by a consortium of Tunisian and German research institutions to promote free academic exchange and cooperation in the Humanities and Social Sciences in and across the Maghreb and other regions of the world within five Interdisciplinary Research Fields (IRFs): "Aesthetics & Cultural Practice", "Inequality & Mobility", "Memory & Justice", "Resources & Sustainability", and "Identities & Beliefs" (more information on this can be found on www.mecam.tn).

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ELIGIBILITY & MOTIVATION

Applications are welcome if...

- you are a MECAM Fellow of the 2024-25 or 2025-26 cohort *or*
- you are appointed Principal Investigator, MECAM staff, associate, or alumnus/alumna, *and*
- you are ready to present and work on a publication project that is related to MECAM's guiding theme and at least one of its IRFs

FUNDING

Successful applicants will be provided with funding to cover travel expenses and accommodation costs in Hamburg for the duration of the workshop.

YOUR APPLICATION

MECAM kindly requests that applications are submitted in English or French. Submissions are possible until 27 January 2026, 12.00 CET. Please send your application, which should include the documents listed below in one PDF file to MECAM's Publication Manager via e-mail: maria.josua@giga-hamburg.de. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Maria Josua.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:

- **Curriculum vitae** including your publications (3 pages max.)
- **An abstract of your draft paper or book proposal to be worked on during the workshop** (250-500 words max.)
- A **motivation letter** (max. 1 page) outlining...
 - (1) reasons for wishing to attend the writing workshop and the benefits to be gained
 - (2) your connection with MECAM

The main selection criteria are the fit between the profiles / projects of the applicants and MECAM's research agenda, academic merit, thematic and regional expertise as well as linguistic proficiency: Applicants are expected to have sufficient knowledge of English for following the discussions but publications in French language are welcome. Priority will be given to those applicants who haven't participated in the past Publication Workshop in Tunis in February 2024.