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مركز ميريان
للدراسات المتقدمة
في المنطقة المغاربية

MECAM
Merian Centre
For Advanced Studies
In The Maghreb

Guiding Theme

"Imagining Futures – Dealing with Disparity"

Research Clusters

Aesthetics & Cultural Practice
Inequality & Mobility
Memory & Justice
Resources & Sustainability
Identities & Beliefs

What is MECAM?

The Merian Centre for Advanced Studies in the Maghreb (MECAM) is a research centre for interdisciplinary research and academic exchange based in Tunis. MECAM promotes the internationalization of research in the humanities and social sciences across the Mediterranean. Under its guiding theme "Imagining Futures – Dealing with Disparity", MECAM aims to discuss the (re)negotiation of complex social and political conditions and expectations, norms and legacies in the wake of the "Arab Spring" in the Maghreb, the Middle East, Europe and beyond. The necessary backdrop to these processes are the disparities and inequalities that divide the Maghreb and the neighbouring regions – both historically and nowadays. The centre invites scholars at different stages of their career. Fellows work within five Interdisciplinary Fellow Groups (IFGs) along MECAM's thematic research clusters. Furthermore, MECAM organizes various events, such as seminars, lectures, public debates and traveling academies that connect researchers and discuss research outcomes. MECAM is a joint initiative of seven German and Tunisian universities and research institutions and is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

MECAM Partners

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MECAM's Formats

Interdisciplinary Fellow Groups

Each IFG is constituted by five scholars at different stages of their academic career and with various disciplinary and geographical backgrounds. This diversity promotes the variety of perspectives and the mutual enrichment within the research group. 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. 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 international and dynamic approach of the centre. It allows for the constitution of learning communities of scholars from Tunisia and Germany, the Maghreb and Europe, and other regions of the World to test, discuss, and exchange ideas on a common question in different locations and contexts.

Rencontres Ibn Khaldun

Public events are held regularly at the MECAM location in Tunis, at other physical locations, as well as online 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.

Where is MECAM Located?

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 - Tunist

- a 10 minute walk away from the closest Metro station at Bab Saadoun
- a 20 minute walk away from the Medina
- a 15 minute drive away from the Tunis Carthage Airport

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