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Knowledge Production and Information Infrastructures in Convivial Contexts: The second Mecila Thematic Workshop took place in La Plata, Argentina

The second Mecila Thematic Workshop **“Knowledge, Medialities and Information Infrastructures: New Convivialities? Old Inequalities?”** organized by the Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut, Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz and the Instituto de Investigaciones en Humanidades y Ciencias Sociales (IdHICS/Conicet, Universidad Nacional de La Plata) within the framework of the Research Area “Medialities of Conviviality” of Mecila took place from 21 to 23 June 2023 in La

Plata, Argentina. During three days, participants of the institutions of the Mecila consortium as well as key local and international guests discussed the links between knowledge, medialities and informa-

tion infrastructures, taking into account convivial contexts marked by difference and inequality. The panels addressed the challenges of international projects, the management of open access to research data, the unequal exchanges by the publishing economies and translation and the impacts of the digital transformation. Interconnected with the panels, the key visits to the Comisión Provincial por la Memoria, the Museo de La Plata/Facultad de Ciencias Naturales and the Y-TEC innovation pole deepened the discussion from a practical perspective, articulating Mecila with different institutional spaces and academic networks.

What is Mecila?

The collaborative project Mecila – Maria Sibylla Merian International Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences Conviviality-Inequality in Latin America started in 2017. It has been investigating past and present forms of social, political, and cultural living together in Latin America and the Caribbean. It wants to contribute to a better understanding of conviviality in diverse and unequal societies. Mecila is financed by the Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF). After a three-year preliminary phase, the six-year long main phase began in April 2020. Mecila’s

headquarters are located in São Paulo (Brazil) with other hubs in La Plata (Argentina), Mexico City (Mexico), Cologne, and Berlin (Germany). In this consortium of German



and Latin American institutions, the IAI works together with the Freie Universität Berlin (main coordination), the Universität zu Köln, the Universidade de São Paulo (USP), the Centro Brasileiro de Análise e Planejamento (Cebap), the Instituto de Investigaciones en Humanidades y Ciencias Sociales (IdHICS, Conicet / Universidad Nacional de La Plata), and El Colegio de México.

The **Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut** coordinates the Research Area “Medialities of Conviviality” and is in charge of Mecila’s Information Infrastructure, which includes the articulation of the libraries of the institutions that constitute the centre.

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