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Curriculum vitae

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Academic positions

since 2020 **Scientific Research Staff (wiss. Mitarbeiter) at the Maria Sibylla Merian International Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences Conviviality-Inequality in Latin America ▶**

University of Cologne, Germany, History Institute ▶

- Project: *Urban alliances. Old and new residents' political affinities*
- Second affiliations: Institute of Anthropology and Global South Studies Centre (U Cologne) ▶ ; University of São Paulo and Centro Brasileiro de Análise e Planejamento ▶
- Service: *Contact person* for the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Autonomous BIPOC Department, University of Cologne, Germany
- Teaching: BA and MA Social and Cultural Anthropology, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Cologne ▶
- Coordination of Mecila sub-project Cologne: Budget coordination of funding instruments vis-à-vis the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF); Research Stream [Hi]stories of Conviviality

2017–2020 **Incoming Pegasus² Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow** ▶

University of Leuven, Belgium ▶ and
Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil ▶

- Project: *Valued difference. Assembling social hierarchies in Rio de Janeiro*
- Collaboration: with Dr Meron Eresso (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia) on female and transit migration, VW Foundation ▶
- Examiner: MA Cultural Anthropology and Development Studies and MA Social and Cultural Anthropology, theses and research seminar results
- Teaching: MA Research Seminar Social and Cultural Anthropology
- Fieldwork: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (13 months, 2017-20), Senegal (2 months, 2018)

2013–2017 **Postdoctoral Researcher and Member of the Steering Committee of the Doctoral Programme 'Europe in the Globalised World'** ▶

University of Konstanz, Germany: Center of Excellence
'Social Foundations of Cultural Integration'

- Project: *(Un)equal lives of migrants in Rio de Janeiro*
- Achievement: Realisation of awarded Independent Research Group *Temporalities of Migration* into Doctoral Programme's Third Thematic Area *Migration and Borders in Times of Increased Mobility* (3 PhD (Co)supervisions)
- Management: Recruitment of researchers and academic coordination of the Doctoral Programme, international cooperations, budget responsibility over 400,000 EUR/year
- Service: Member of decision-taking plenary of the Center of Excellence, internal peer-review of the Center and the Institute of Advanced Studies, design and organisation of workshops and conferences
- Teaching: BA and MA seminars, doctoral research colloquium
- Fieldwork: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (17 months, 2014-16), Buenos Aires, Argentina (1 month, 2014), Catalonia, Spain (1 month), Senegal (1 month)

2009–2013 **Doctoral Research Fellowship** ▶

Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity (MPI MMG),
Göttingen, Germany

- Project: *Cohabitation and convivencia. Comparing conviviality in Casamance and Catalonia*
- Collegiality: Doctoral trainings, Doctoral representative
- Co-editorship: *Diversities* (2011)
- Fieldwork: Catalonia, Spain (8 months) and Casamance, Senegal (8 months)

Successful candidacies for professorships (Listenplatz)

2023 **Assistant Professorship in Identity and Intercultural differences, 2nd placed**

University of Tilburg, The Netherlands

2022 **Full Professorship (W3) for Sociological Dimensions of Space, 3rd placed**

University of Regensburg, Germany

2020 **Assistant Professorship in Diversity and Minorities, 2nd placed**

University of Groningen, The Netherlands

- 2019 **Assistant Professorship in Migration and Development, 2nd placed**
Erasmus University Rotterdam, International Institute of Social Studies, The Netherlands

Awards

- 2015 **Otto-Hahn Medal 2014**, Max Planck Society, Germany
2007–2008 **Victor Ford Scholar**, Sir Richard Stapley Trust, UK

Education

- 2009–2013 **UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, UK | INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY**
DPhil in Social and Cultural Anthropology (10 May 2014, no corrections) ▶
- Thesis: *Cohabitation and convivencia. Comparing conviviality in Casamance and Catalonia*
- Examiners: Prof Ralph Grillo (Sussex) & Dr David Pratten (Oxford)
- Supervisors: Prof Steven Vertovec & Dr Hélène Neveu Kringelbach
- 2007–2008 **UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, UK | INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY**
MPhil (Distinction on Thesis) in Migration Studies (12 Jul 2008)
- Thesis: *Networks of residents in Catalonia: a Senegambian perspective* (Distinction)
- Fieldwork: Catalonia, Spain (3 months)
- Examiner: Dr Katherine Charsley & Prof David Parkin (both Oxford)
- Supervisor: Dr Mette Louise Berg
- 2003–2006 **HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN, GERMANY | GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, POLITICAL SCIENCES**
Vor-Diplom (1.2 | very good)
- 2005–2006 **STUDIENKOLLEG ZU BERLIN, GERMANY**
Interdisciplinary Studies
- Project: *The Irish reaction on the Central and Eastern European immigration*

Fellowships and grants

total of ca. 600,000 EUR

- 2022-2026 **Merian International Centre for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences and Humanities, Mecila**, Federal Ministry of Research and Education, Germany, EUR 208.000
- Four Transfer Postdoctoral Fellowship in “Urban Narratives of Conviviality-Inequality” at the intersection of research, art and activism
- International Open Access Book Series with press of the Latin American Council of Social Sciences (CLACSO)
- Twelve Research and Policy Visits in Brazil (eight) and Germany (four)

- 2021–2022 **Diversity Fund, Global South Studies Centre, Competence Area IV**, University of Cologne, Co-Teaching Project with Black and Indigenous Universities in Africa And Latin America, Forum Decolonizing the University, together with the Working Group “co-teaching” of the Forum, EUR 11.165
- 2017–2020 **Incoming Pegasus² Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship**, applicant, Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek - Vlaanderen (FWO), Belgium, 150,000 EUR
- 2016–2020 **South-North Cooperation Senior-Postdoc Grant Dr Eresso**, co-applicant, Volkswagenstiftung, Germany, 140,000 EUR (own share: 30,000 EUR) ▶
- 2009–2013 **Doctoral Fellowship**, Max Planck Institute, Göttingen, Germany, 83,000 EUR
- 2009–2011 **Doctoral Stipend**, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Germany, 15,000 EUR
- 2009–2010 **Travel Grant**, Abbey Santander, Oxford, UK
- 2007–2008 **Student Stipend**, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Germany
- 2005–2006 **Student Fellowship**, Studienkolleg zu Berlin, Germany
- 2003–2008 **Student Stipend**, German National Academic Foundation

Collegiality and management

- since 2021 *Contact person* for the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Autonomous BIPoC Department, University of Cologne, Germany
Member, Forum Decolonizing Academia, University of Cologne, Germany
- since 2020 *Scientific coordinator*, Research Stream [Hi]Stories of Conviviality, Maria Sibylla Merian International Centre for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences and Humanities Conviviality-Inequality in Latin America (Mecila), Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Germany
- 2021-2023 *Member of the Publication Committee*, Mecila, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Germany
- 2020-2021 *Member of the Executive Board*, Mecila, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Germany
- 2020 *Reviewer*, IX Prêmio Antropologia e Direitos Humanos: lutas sociais, mobilização política e alteridades, edição 2020 [9th Prize in Anthropology and Human Rights: Social struggles, political mobilization, and alterities, 2020 edition], Human Rights Commission of the Brazilian Anthropological Association (ABA)
- 2017-2020 *Examiner*, Masters Cultural Anthropology and Development Studies and Master Social and Cultural Anthropology, KU Leuven, Belgium.
- 2013-2017 *Scientific coordinator*, Doctoral Programme ‘Europe in the Globalised World’, Centre of Excellence, U Konstanz, Germany.
Member of decision-taking plenary, Centre of Excellence and Centre for Advanced Studies, U Konstanz, Germany.
- 2013-2014 *Selection committee member*, Doctoral Programme ‘Europe in the Globalised World’, Centre of Excellence, U Konstanz, Germany.

- since 2011 *Selection committee member*, German National Academic Foundation.
- 2011 *Co-editor*, *Diversities Journal*, UNESCO, Paris, France and Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany.
- 2009/10 *PhD representative*, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany.
- 2007/08 *Class representative*, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, U Oxford, UK.
Treasurer, Migration Studies Society at Oxford, UK.
- Peer-review (in alphabetical order) Anthropologica; Environment and Planning D: Society and Space; Ethnography; International Journal of Latin American Religions; International Sociology; Journal of Intercultural Studies; *Iudere*; Migration and Ethnic Studies; Migration and Society; New Diversities; Novos Estudos; Revista Internacional da Mobilidade Humana; Urban Studies

Teaching qualifications

- 2021 Erfolgreich Kommunizieren und Anleiten im Internationalen Lernraum [Communicating and guiding successfully in the International Learning Space], Professionalization Module, University of Cologne
- 2020 *Supervising a Master's Thesis*, Professionalisation module, KU Leuven, Belgium
- 2020 *Essential tools for R.*, Professionalisation module, KU Leuven, Belgium
- 2017 Project management: planning, projecting and monitoring, stakeholder management, Volkswagenstiftung, Germany
- 2013 *Course Planning and Student Motivation*, Teaching certificate module, U Konstanz, Germany

Major collaborations and associations

- 2022-2025 **Latin American Council of Social Sciences / Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO)**
Working Group: Latin American Urban Processes: In/Justices and In/Equalities ▶
- since 2020 **University of Cologne, Germany**
Global South Studies Center, Principal Investigator
Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Research and Teaching Associate
- since 2020 **Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil**
Law Faculty, Postdoctoral Associate, collaboration with Prof Samuel Barbosa
- since 2020 **Centro Brasileiro de Análise e Planejamento (CEBRAP), Brazil**
Postdoctoral Associate, collaboration with Prof Marcos Nobre

since 2020 **KU Leuven, Belgium**

Interculturalism, Migration and Minorities Research Centre, Research Associate, collaboration with Prof Noel Salazar, Prof Karel Arnaut

since 2016 **Casa Rui Barbosa Foundation, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

Centro de Estudos em Direito e Política de Imigração e Refúgio [Center for the Study of Rights and Politics of Immigration and Refuge], Research Associate, collaboration with Prof Charles Gomes on international migration ▶

since 2015 **Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Germany**

Department of Ethnic Diversity, Research Associate, collaboration with Prof Steven Vertovec on diversification ▶

Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Museu Nacional, Brazil

since 2023 Laboratório de Antropologia e Historia, Programa de Pós-Graduação em Antropologia Social, Research Associate, collaboration with Prof Olívia Cunha

since 2014 Núcleo Interdisciplinar de Estudos Migratórios [Interdisciplinary Center for Migration Studies], Instituto de Pesquisa e Planejamento Urbano e Regional [Research Institute for Urban and Regional Planning], Research Associate, collaboration with Prof Helion Póvoa Neto on immigration to Brazil ▶

2015–2020 Programa de Pós-Graduação em Antropologia Social, Postdoctoral Fellow, collaboration with Prof Dr Giralda Seyferth on migration and ethnicity and Prof Dr Luiz Fernando Dias Duarte on the anthropology of complex societies ▶

2012–2020 **University of Tilburg, Holland**

International Consortium on Language and Superdiversity, Research Associate, collaboration with Prof Dr Jan Blommaert on sociolinguistics ▶

2016–2020 **Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia**

Center for Human Rights, Postdoctoral Research Partner, collaboration with Prof Dr Meron Zeleke Eresso on gender and transit migration ▶

2014–2015 **Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

History Department, Visiting Researcher, collaboration with Prof Joana D’Arc Bahia on African migration to Brazil

University of Oxford, United Kingdom

2012–2013 Oxford Diasporas Programme, Doctoral Fellow

2009–2013 Centre of Migration, Policy and Society, Doctoral Fellow

Université Cheikh Anta Diop (UCAD), Senegal

2009–2010 Institut Fondamental d’Afrique Noire, Doctoral Visiting Fellow

Invited lectures

- 2023 *Para um mundo incômodo. Considerações epistemológicas, políticas e conceituais sobre a convivialidade* (Towards an uncomfortable world. Epistemological, political and conceptual considerations on conviviality), invited lecture, Catholic University of Minas Gerais (PUCMinas), Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil, 04/05/2023. ▶
- Tecendo a infraestrutura urbana: in(ter)venções senegalesas no Rio de Janeiro* (Weaving urban infrastructure: Senegalese in(ter)ventions in Rio de Janeiro), invited seminar paper, Laboratorio de Antropologia e História (LAH/PPGAS/UFRJ) e Colegio Brasileiro de Altos Estudos, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20/04/2023. ▶
- 2022 *Assembling social hierarchies*, invited lecture, Université de Montréal, Anthropology Seminar Series, Montréal, Canada, 03/11/2022.
- Participating in urban assemblages. Rio de Janeiro as transatlantic contact zone*, invited lecture, University of Cologne, Centro Latinoamericano de Colonia, Cologne, Germany, 07/07/2022.
- Conviviality: A Troubling Quest Across Atlantic Worlds in Three Ethnographic Moments*, invited keynote address, Canadian Embassy, Berlin, University of Saarland, University of Montreal, University of Trier: IRTG Diversity: Mediating Difference in Transcultural Spaces, Berlin, Conference "Researching Diversity in the Atlantic World. 25 Years of German-Canadian Collaboration in the Humanities and Social Sciences", Berlin, Germany, 26/05/2022.
- Ensamblar jerarquías. Los trayectos urbanos de los recién llegados en Río de Janeiro* [Assembling hierarchies. Urban trajectories of recently-arrived in Rio de Janeiro], invited lecture, Escuela Interdisciplinaria de Altos Estudios Sociales, Núcleo de Estudios Urbanos, Universidad Nacional de San Martín (IDAES/UNSAM), Argetina, 22/02/2022.
- 2021 *Aspirationen, Ankommen, Festsitzen. Transatlantische Momente der (Nicht)Teilhabe an Globalität* [Aspirations, Arrival, Stuckedness. Transatlantic moments of global (non)participation], invited lecture, Latin American Studies Centre Cologne, University of Cologne, Germany, 16/12/2021.
- Contesting conviviality. Conceptual, political, and epistemological explorations about a troubling wor(l)d*, invited lecture, Research Area 'Migration and Inclusive Societies (MIS)', Université de Luxembourg, Luxembourg, 18/11/2021.
- Assembling social hierarchies. Newcomers' urban journeys in Rio de Janeiro*, invited seminar, Amerikas Kolloquium, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, Germany, 04/11/2021.
- Migrações transatlânticas atuais: Senegaleses e espanhóis no Brasil no século XXI (Current transnational migrations: Senegalese and Spaniards in Brazil in the 21st century)*, First Course on International Migration in Latin America, United Nations Academic Impact, Universidade Federal do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Online, 13/10/2021.

Comment mettre en valeur la différence ? Des cadres pour une recherche sur les inégalités sociales et la diversité culturelle à Rio de Janeiro, invited lecture, Working Group "Migrations and Urban Spaces", L'École des hautes études en sciences sociales, France, 12/03/2021.

Encountering Queer Rio de Janeiro. Something Muslim West African men and Spanish women shared? Invited lecture, Latin American Studies Centre Cologne, University of Cologne, Germany, 14/01/2021.

2020 *Concepts between romanticism and realism: the case of conviviality*, invited lecture, Departmental seminar Anthropology, University of Oslo, Norway, 03/12/2020.

Sensing Rio de Janeiro. How newcomers understand the city in global context, invited evening lecture, Research Area 'Migration and Inclusive Societies (MIS)', Université de Luxembourg, Luxembourg, 22/20/2020.

Reducing complexity when evaluating urban difference. The role of visual materials in making sense of urban complexity, invited research seminar, Núcleo de Antropologia Visual [Visual Anthropology Research Group], Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, online, 06/12/2020.

Alteridades migratórias atuais: africanidade e europeidade em questão no Rio de Janeiro [Contemporary migrant alterities: Africanness and Europeanness at stake in Rio de Janeiro], invited panelist at VII Simpósio Internacional de História e Cultura do Brasil: Lutas por liberdade em 200 anos de Brasil independente [7th international symposium on Brazilian history and culture: Struggles for freedom in 200 years of an independent Brazil], Fundação Casa Rui de Barbosa, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, online, 17/08/2020.

Presentation and debate on African migrant women in Europe and Latin America, invited interview, Online Course 'Current African Migrations and Gender Dynamics, Museo de la Mujer, Argentina, online, 11/05/2020.

2019 *Dis/enchanting conviviality. On a mode that engages difference*, invited keynote lecture, International Summer School 'Problematizing Morality. Ethnographic Approaches to the Normative Dimensions of Everyday Life', University of Tübingen, Germany, 24-27/09/2019.

2018 *Conceptualising conviviality. Follow the people - sharpen a concept?* Invited lecture, Lecture Series Latin America, University of Cologne, Germany, 05/07/2018.

Conviviality, Difference and Conflict. A quest for the limits, invited paper, International Workshop Convivialidad y Migración [Conviviality and Migration], El Colegio de México, Ciudad de México, México, 16/03/2018.

2017 *Convivialidade no liminar* [Conviviality on the brink], invited roundtable intervention, 'Juntos e Separados: quem são os outros? [Together and Apart: who are the others?]', International Colloquium at the IX Forum of Migration/Migratic and the V Research Symposium on Migration, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), Brazil, 16-20/10/2017.

Unequal Conviviality: Social Structure, Environment, Everyday Relations, panellist at the Inaugural Conference of the Maria Sibylla Merian International Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences: Conviviality in Unequal Societies, Berlin, Germany, 13–14/07/2017.

- 2016 *Papéis na prática. Senegaleses e espanhóis (não) preocupados com o seu status no Rio de Janeiro* [Papers in practice. Senegalese and Spanish (not) worried with their status in Rio de Janeiro], invited talk, Fundação Casa Rui Barbosa, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 29/08/2016.
- 2015 *Muslim – Queer encounters in Rio de Janeiro. West African migrants making sense of relative positionalities in Brazil*, invited talk, IMMRC, KU Leuven, Belgium, 19/11/2015.
- Fragile and changing. Conviviality in contexts of difference, diversification and inequality*, invited lecture to Sociology Department and Latin American Institute, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, 16/11/2015.
- On the analytical and normative dimensions of conviviality and cosmopolitanism*, invited lecture at 'Cosmopolitization, Recognition, Solidarization?' Conference, with Magdalena Nowicka (HU Berlin), U Tübingen, Germany, 25/05/2015.
- Novas periferias sociais no Rio de Janeiro. Os posicionamentos locais dos imigrantes Senegaleses num contexto transnacional* [New social peripheries in Rio de Janeiro. Local positionalities of Senegalese immigrants in transnational context], invited lecture, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 25/03/2015.
- 2014 *The role of truncated multilingualism for conviviality. Comparing Casamançais practices in Casamance and Catalonia*, invited lecture at Crossroads Project, SOAS, London, UK, 29/04–02/05/2014.

Organisation of scientific meetings

- 2023 *Poetics, Materialisms, Formations. Current Contributions to Urban Lives from Cities in the South*, Research Workshop, Research Area [Hi]Stories – Urban Narratives, Mecila and Global South Studies Center, 28-29/06/2023.
- 2022 *Tres cinematecas* (Short film, 2022), *Archivos cinematográficos y convivialidad en America Latina* [Three film archives (Short film, 2022). Film Archives and Conviviality in Latin America], Panel discussion, Escuela Nacional de Experimentación y Realización Cinematográfica, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 14 Nov 2022
- Colonialities and their Contestation Negotiating Conviviality in Latin America*, Annual Meeting and Young Researchers Forum 2023, Mecila, Universidade de São Paulo, Instituto de Estudos Brasileiros, Brasil, conception and overall coordination, 10-14/10/2022.
- Decolonizing the Urban: multi-layered and multi-scalar aspects of coloniality, Roundtable at the Mecila Annual Meeting 2023 'Colonialities and their Contestation Negotiating Conviviality in Latin America', Universidade de São Paulo, Instituto de Estudos Brasileiros, Brasil, Chair and Discussant, 11/10/2022.

- Latin America under the Conviviality-Inequality lens: Current scenarios and possible futures of living together*, Panel at the 10th International Conference of CEISAL (Consejo Europeo de Investigaciones Sociales de América Latina), University of Helsinki, Finland, Convener and Chair with Clara Ruvituro (Ibero-American Institute Berlin) Ramiro Segura (Universidad Nacional de La Plata), and Astrid Ulloa (Universidad Nacional de Colombia), 13–15/06/2022
- Civil Society Workshop "Indigeneities"*, Mecila / Colégio de México, Mexico, Organization with Rosario Aparicio, Laura Flamand, Carlos Alba (Colégio de México), 01-03/06/2022
- 2021 *Politics of the Everyday. Latinamerican Cities*, Online Workshop with Academics and Activists, Mecila, Cebrap, Brazil, Conception and organization with Ramiro Segura (Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina), 30/11/2021
- Encruzilhadas of Conviviality-Inequality. Re-Generating Suspensions, Struggles, and Openings*, Inaugural International Conference, Mecila, University of Cologne, Germany, conception and overall coordination, 8-10/11/2021
- Entanglements in the more-than-human city: ethnographic challenges in the Anthropocene, panel at the DGSKA (GAA, German Anthropological Association) 2021 Conference, 27–30/09/2021, Convener with Madlen Kobi (Università della Svizzera italiana) and Raúl Acosta (LMU Munich)
- Emerging urban political subjectivities: synergies, tensions, contradictions, and transformations in pluralizing cities*, panel at the IUAES 2020 Congress 'Coming of Age on Earth: Legacies and Next Generation Anthropology', Šibenik, Croatia, Convener with Raúl Acosta (LMU Munich)
- 2020 *(Post)colonial migrants in non-metropolitan places*, Workshop at European Association of Social Anthropologists, online, Chair with Dr Elisabeth Boesen (U Luxembourg)
- 2019 *What we are stuck with – Current junctures in Decolonizing Anthropology*, roundtable at the ARE Network Meeting 'Decolonizing European Anthropology' University of Leiden, Convener with Ajay Gandhi (U Leiden).
- 2018 *Stranded in transit. Why people stay, move or settle in a place they wanted to pass through*, Workshop at European Association of Social Anthropologists, Stockholm, Sweden, Chair and Introduction with Dr Meron Zeleke (U Addis Ababa).
- Making Cities, Cities in the Making: Moments of Arrival, Appropriation and Resistance*, Workshop at the 18th IUAES World Congress, Florianópolis, Brazil, Chair and Introduction with Dr Monika Palmberger (U Vienna).
- 2016 *Mobilities, ethnographically connected: beyond the 'gap' between internal and transnational migration*, Workshop at European Association of Social Anthropologists, Milan, Italy, Chair and Introduction with Prof Dr Bruno Riccio (U Bologna).

2015 *Transgressing Dividing Lines: Making and Unmaking of Urban Grids*, Workshop at International Sociological Association, RC21, Urbino, Italy, Chair and Introduction with Dr Fran Meissner (European University Institute, Florence).

Migration as Crisis, so What? Workshop at Belonging: Affective, moral and political practices in an interconnected world, GAA Conference, Berlin, Germany, 4-7/10/2015, Chair and Introduction with Migration Working Group.

2013 *Conceptualizing and Operationalizing "Culture" in Immigration Settings*, Workshop at GAA Conference, Mainz, Germany, 2-5/10/2013, Chair.

Memberships of scientific societies

since 2021 **Associação de Brazilianistas na Europa (ABRE)**, Member
Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Member

since 2015 **International Sociological Association (ISA)**
Urban Studies Network RC 21, Member

since 2013 **European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)**, Member
Race and Ethnicity Network, Member
Urban Anthropology Network, Member
AnthroMob Network, Member

since 2013 **German Anthropological Association (GAA)**, Member
Public Anthropology Working Group, Member
Regional Group Latin America, Member
Urban Anthropology Working Group, Member
Migration Working Group, Chair (2013-2015) and Member

Other work experience

2008 **Gesellschaft für technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), Eschborn, Germany**
Market analysis of migration policies and aid programmes, intern (3 months) and junior expert (2 months)

Languages

fluent German, English
very good French, Portuguese, Spanish
good Dutch (B1)
basics Catalan, Wolof, Jola, Mandinka

IT

very good Data analysis and security | atlas.ti, F4, Truecrypt
Literature management | Endnote, Citavi
other | MS Office, Libre Office, GIMP, Inkscape, Prezi

basics mapping | ArcGis
statistics | Stata

Teaching, supervision, examination

Doctoral

- 2023 *Conviviality. Conceptual, political, and epistemological explorations about a troubling wor(l)d*, invited lecture and seminar, Transdisciplinary Research Training Group (RTG) "connecting – excluding: Cultural Dynamics Beyond Globalized Networks", University of Cologne, Technical University of Cologne, Academy of Media Arts Cologne, Germany, (2 hrs)
- 2022 *Conviviality*, invited lecture and seminar, Bonn International Graduate School for Development Research, Centre for Development Research, University of Bonn, Germany, (2 hrs)
- 2021 *Debating conviviality, multicultural, inequality and integration*, doctoral colloquium, in English, "Current Approaches in Migration Studies: Migration, Diversity, Conviviality", research area "Migration and Inclusive Societies" (MIS), Faculty of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg (3 hrs)
- 2020 *Cosmopolitanism, conviviality, and deromanticizing integration*, doctoral colloquium, in English, 'Metamorphosis of Law. Pathologies of Unity: Democracy, Decentralization, Multinormativity', Postgraduate Programme in Law, Universidade do Vale dos Sinos, Brazil (3hrs)
- Key challenges regarding borders, identities and socialities: difference, sameness, and conviviality*, doctoral colloquium, in English, "Current Approaches in Migration Studies: Migration, Diversity, Conviviality", research area "Migration and Inclusive Societies" (MIS), Faculty of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg (3 hrs)
- 2019 *Cohabitation, Fellowship, Conviviality: Being a good fellow human*, doctoral master class, in English, International Summer School 'Problematizing Morality', Universität Tübingen (3 days)
- 2013–2017 *Doctoral Research Colloquium 'Europe in the Globalised World'* (termly), taught in English and German, University of Konstanz, Germany
- Theoretical approaches to identification, transnationalism and globalisation (2 hs/week, summer term 2013)
 - Practising Interdisciplinarity, (2hs/week, winter term 2013/14)
 - Work in Progress meetings and focussed readings (2hs/term, termly 2014-2017)
 - Workshops on 'Mosaics of Legitimacy'; 'Deaths at the Gates of Europe'; 'Black Box Identity'; and '(De)Coding the Social' (2014-2016)

Doctoral / Advanced Masters

- 2020/2021 *Ethnography between decoloniality and ontological turn*, MA and Doctoral reading course in Anthropology (9 ECTS), with Prof Dr Michaela Pelican, University of Cologne, Germany (in English)

Masters

- 2018–2020 *Master Research Seminar* (6 ECTS), KU Leuven, Belgium
collectively taught in English together with Prof Dr Filip de Boeck, Prof Dr Karel Arnaut and Dr Anna Matyska (2018/19) and Prof Dr Nadia Fadil, Prof Dr Steven Van Wolputte (2019/20)
- Module: Research ethics (3 hs, 2018-19)
 - Module: Positionality and decolonization (3 hs, 2019-20)
- 2019/20 *Race, ethnicity, and the postcolonial condition*, MA course (5 ECTS), KU Leuven, Belgium, by Prof Dr Nadia Fadil (in English)
- Guest lecture: Contestations over Africanness in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (3hs)
- 2016 *Urban Materiality and Sociality. Intermediating concepts*, MA seminar (9 ECTS), in English, cancelled due to lack of participants, University of Konstanz, Germany

Master / Advanced Bachelor

- 2023 *Contesting the Urban and Anthropology from Latin America*, guest lecture with Prof. Ramiro Segura (Universidad Nacional de La Plata), in Political and Urban Anthropology, BA and MA in Anthropology, in English (2 hours)
- 2021 *Going South: Contemporary migration in, to and from African localities*, MA in Culture and Environment in Africa, BA in Anthropology, seminar (9 ECTS), in English (1 term, 26 contact hours)
- Racismo en América Latina: Perspectivas interdisciplinarias y transnacionales (Racism in Latin America: Interdisciplinary and Transnational Perspectives)*, Workshop as part of UNITE (University Network for Internationalisation in Teacher Education Cologne) and Forum Decolonizing Academia, University of Cologne, together with Universidad Intercultural de Chiapas and Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico, with Dr Sarah Albiez-Wieck (4 hours)
- 2015–2017 *Diversity: (Ir)Relevance of Difference in Politics and Social Sciences* – Four one-week summer schools, with Prof Dr Magdalena Nowicka, Dr Kristine Krause, Gesellschaftswissenschaftliches Kolleg, German National Academic Foundation
- Gender and Sexuality (Autumn 2015, equal to 2 hs/week of full term)
 - Diversity and Migration (Spring 2016, equal to 2 hs/week of full term)
 - Racism, Activism, Epistemology and Decoloniality (Autumn 2016, equal to 2 hs/week of full term)
 - How to be otherwise? (Spring 2017, equal to 2 hs/week of full term)

Bachelor

- 2022 *Antropología urbana desde el Sur [Urban anthropology from the South]* (6 ECTS)
BA Seminar Latin American Regional Studies, co-taught in Spanish with Ramiro Segura at University of Cologne and Universidad Nacional de San Martín (1 term, 28 contact hours)

- 2021-2022 *Urbane Anthropologie. Umkämpfte, glokale und sozio-materielle urbane Leben* (6 ECTS)
BA Seminar Social and Cultural Anthropology, taught in German, University of Cologne, Germany (1 term, 28 contact hours)
- 2020 *Case-studies in Diversity: Public Spaces' (300 level course)*
BA Global Challenges Programme Leiden University College, The Netherlands, Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs, by Dr. Daniela Vicherat (in English)
- Guest lecture: Conviviality and Public Space Through Infrastructure (2 hrs)
- 2015 *As críticas ao conceito de transnacionalismo. Exemplos das migrações africanas*, BA and MA Workshop, taught in Portuguese, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2 days)
- 2014 *Culture and Social Stratification*, BA seminar (5 ECTS)
taught in English, University of Konstanz, Germany (28 contact hours)
- 2013 *Everyday Living Together with Cultural Difference*, BA seminar (5 ECTS)
taught in English, University of Konstanz, Germany (1 term, 28 contact hours)

Supervision and examination committees

Supervisions	2014–2017	Doctoral candidates: 3 (three), co-supervision, Chair for Anthropology, U Konstanz, Germany
		Master candidate:
	2021–2023	1 (one), supervisor, KU Leuven, Belgium
	2015–2016	1 (one), second supervisor, U Konstanz, Germany
Examinations	2022	Master thesis, Qualification: 1 (one), examiner, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil
	2017–2020	Master theses: 22 (twenty-two), examiner, KU Leuven, Belgium

Supervision

Doctoral thesis

- 1) Fleischmann, Larissa: *Dissident Voices at the European Border. Non-State Actors and Visions of a Different Europe Beyond the Fortress*, 2014-2018, University of Konstanz, Germany, Co-supervisor
- 2) Di Stefano, Corinna: *Insular Border Regimes. Constructing, Crossing and Conceiving the EU-Borders in the French Caribbean*, 2014-ongoing, University of Konstanz, Germany, Co-supervisor
- 3) Schäfer, Philipp: *Faire de l'asile. The Governance of Migration in Urban Asylum Regimes*, 2014-2021, University of Konstanz, Germany, Co-supervisor

Master's thesis

- 1) Reiffen, Franziska: *Practices of identification and care. A Casamançais women's association in Buenos Aires*, 2017, University of Konstanz, Germany, Co-supervisor and examiner.

- 2) Rahman, Amal: *Exploring the contested adulthood of kunwari Muslim women in Pakistan, 2021-23*, University of Leuven, Belgium, Supervisor and examiner.

Thesis examination

Master's Thesis Qualification committee member, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil

- 1) Sebastião Lisboa de Andrade Rinaldi, *O Instituto Adus e a produção de pedagogias humanitárias na cidade de São Paulo: narrativas sobre o ensino de português para refugiados* [The Adus Institute and the production of humanitarian pedagogies in São Paulo: narratives on teaching Portuguese to refugees], 25/02/2022.

Master's Thesis committee member, University of Leuven, Belgium

- 1) Ludoski, Biserka, *Accounting for the role of texts in the Evangelical church groups in Flanders (Heverlee)*, MA Social and Cultural Anthropology, 2018–2019
- 2) Menabde, Mariam, *The Birth of Inhuman City. Tbilisi's Neoliberal Urbanization and Its Social Byproduct*, MA Social and Cultural Anthropology, 2018–2019
- 3) Holsbeek, Laura, *Burden of the past? Negotiating a sense of self through narratives of shame, sorrow and sociability in South Korea*, Master in Cultural Anthropology and Development Studies, 2018–2019
- 4) Frola, Alessia, *A Journey back to Convitto Nazionale Umberto I: School Climate and Affection in an Italian High School*, MA Social and Cultural Anthropology, 2018–2019
- 5) Schrader, Megan, *Identity and Community. Transformative Gender Experiences in the Spaces of International Students*, MA Social and Cultural Anthropology, 2018–2019
- 6) Lorenzo, Maria Pilar Marasigan, *Geographies of Gender. Gender Norms, Roles and (A)Symmetry of Filipino Couples in Belgium*, Master in Cultural Anthropology and Development Studies, 2018–2019
- 7) Garcia Pallas, Maritza Cristina, *Good to (not) move with. (Im)mobility practices of Cuban Spanish passport holders and factors shaping them*, Master in Cultural Anthropology and Development Studies, 2018–2019
- 8) Mbawu, Chipu, *The imponderables of living in streets. An ethnographic account of children living in the streets of Harare-Zimbabwe*, Master in Cultural Anthropology and Development Studies, 2018–2019
- 9) Psarogianni, Vera, *Living 'in' Addiction. Friends, Users, and Trust in a Greek De-addiction Programme*, MA Social and Cultural Anthropology, 2018–2019
- 10) Rojas Ramírez, Nicolás Dar, *Leadership and its implications on a working environment*, MA Social and Cultural Anthropology, 2018–2019
- 11) Simons, Ine, *IMPORTED GOODS. Negotiating ethnicity and belonging within the multicultural city of Maasmechelen*, MA Social and Cultural Anthropology, 2018–2019
- 12) Perez Pelayo, Marisol, *Bounded by Metal: The role of Musicking and the body in the Metal community of Guadalajara México. How does bonding through Metal music enable new kinship and friendship structures*, MA Social and Cultural Anthropology, 2018–2019
- 13) Adem, Saleh Seid, *Maternal Absence and Transnational Labour Migration. Implications for Mothering, the Left-Behind Child and Gender Labour Dynamics*, Master in Cultural Anthropology and Development Studies, 2018–2019
- 14) Bernal Hernandez, Carla, *"We do [things] with them not for them": helping relation between social workers and unaccompanied minors. The case of a non-profit organization in Brussels*, Master in Cultural Anthropology and Development Studies, 2018–2019
- 15) Loli, Anisa, *Queer-Feminist ARTivism: Aesthetics of Arts-Based activism within the Flemish Society*, MA Social and Cultural Anthropology, 2017–2018
- 16) Jeong, Yun Ju, *Le Piétonnier Opticon: Configurations of urban public space and social practice in times of crises*, MA Social and Cultural Anthropology, 2017–2018

- 17) Stala, Sara, *Between Bible and Books. The navigation of Evangelical students in secular Leuven with the help of Ichtus*, MA Social and Cultural Anthropology, 2017–2018
- 18) Truyffaut, Alice, *Gardening Our Futures. An Anthropology of Sustainabilities*, MA Social and Cultural Anthropology, 2017–2018
- 19) Picazo Gonzalez, Merari, *Migration trajectories and possibilities of integration of Africans and Haitians in Mexico City*, Master in Intercultural Mediation (MITRA), 2017–2018
- 20) De Cloet, Nina, *Bringing Humanitarianism to the Grassroots. Volunteering at the Grande-Synthe Jungle and 'Doing the Right Thing' under the Tensions of Proximity*, MA Social and Cultural Anthropology, 2017–2018
- 21) Santos, Janine Patricia, *Songs of the Revolution: Migrant Cultural Activism and the Struggle for 'Genuine' Development*, Master in Cultural Anthropology and Development Studies, 2017–2018
- 22) Lamadrid Isoard, Sofia, *A Fight for Hope: Construction of Hope in Community Centres of Popular Neighbourhoods in Guadalajara*, MA Social and Cultural Anthropology, 2017–2018

Research projects

(1) Urban alliances. The politics between old and new residents (2020-2026)

Urban alliances asks how newcomers and longstanding residents in Brazilian cities, who face facets of the same post/colonial structures of exclusion, have differential access to privilege and citizenship, how they perceive each other, enter into dialogue, and labour to construct alliances at the fractured locuses they occupy. The project grounds in ethnographic fieldwork in cities like Rio de Janeiro (since 2014) and São Paulo (since 2019). The project conceptualises the politicization of newcomers alongside long-term residents in the 21st century as well as the potential and challenges for solidarity among marginalized populations, be they immigrant, Black, Left and/or Queer. All of them clearly face violent realities of intersectional exclusion grounded in the structures of coloniality of which racism, conservatism, and capitalist exploitation are part. Still, newcomers to Latin American cities defend ethical and political positions that may hold a strong potential for tension and conflict within local contexts of political struggle. Whiteness, negritude, gender/sexuality, and political orientation do not necessarily mean the same to Brazilian residents and African or European newcomers. The project will renew the understanding of global asymmetries and how they configure locally in contemporary Brazil. The refined understanding of local politics and societal resilience will be relevant not only to Latin American cities but also cities in other locations in the Global South and in the Global North.

Participants	Tilman Heil - PI
Funding	Merian Centre Conviviality-Inequality in Latin America (Mecila)
Fieldwork	Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo (1-1.5 years)
Collaborations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - University of Cologne (UoC) - Universidade de São Paulo (USP) - Centro Brasileiro de Análise e Planejamento (CEBRAP) - Museu Nacional, Universidade do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ) - Núcleo Interdisciplinar sobre Estudos Migratórios, UFRJ

(2) Narratives of Urban Conviviality-Inequality (2022-2026)

The Transfer Fellowships on Narratives of Urban Conviviality-Inequality are situated at the intersection between research and the arts and/or activism. They further a special interest in knowledge dialogue and transfer with the civil society and the arts. The project contributes to the understanding of the narrative dimension of particularly urban conviviality-inequality to better understand the hierarchical urban condition in Latin American Cities and invite conceptual and political innovation grounded in knowledge corpora from outside the University into account.

Participants	<p>Tilman Heil – coordinator and researcher</p> <p>Prof Dr Ramiro Segura (UNLP), Prof Dr Bianca Tavolari (CEBRAP), Prof Barbara Potthast (UzK), Prof Carlos Alba (ColMex), Prof Susana Durão (UNICAMP), Prof Daniela Vicherat Mattar, Prof Ajay Gandhi (both University College Leiden, NL), Prof Sandra Kurfürst (UoC) – researchers</p> <p>Scholarship holder (1 / year)</p> <p>Civil Society Workshop (1 / ano)</p>
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Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany, EUR 208,000 - Merian Centre Conviviality-Inequality in Latin America (Mecila)
Collaborations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Universidade de São Paulo (USP) - Centro Brasileiro de Análise e Planejamento (CEBRAP) - Universidad de La Plata (UNLP) - Colégio de Mexico (Colmex) - Universidade de Campinas (UNICAMP) - University College Leiden

(3) Biblioteca Mecila – CLACSO, Book Series (2022-2026)

The Biblioteca Mecila-CLACSO seeks to publish research results in a wide range of subjects, issues and disciplines at the intersection of conviviality and inequality in Latin America produced in the framework of the international cooperation promoted by Mecila. In addition to traditional academic formats, such as individually authored books and edited volumes, the series promotes flexible publishing formats, including keynote lectures, thematic anthologies and translations of cutting-edge research in the field of conviviality-inequality. Following the Centre’s multilingual approach, books are published in Spanish, Portuguese, and English. All volumes will be available in Open Access.

Participants	<p>Tilmann Heil – coordinator</p> <p>Dr Joaquim Toledo, Scientific Editor</p> <p>Prof Gesine Mueller (UoC), Prof Laura Flamand (COLMEX), Prof Ramiro Segura (UNLP), Series Editors</p> <p>Fernanda Pampin (CLACSO), Editorial Office CLACSO</p>
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany, EUR 208,000 - Merian Centre Conviviality-Inequality in Latin America (Mecila)
Collaborations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conselho Latinoamericano de Ciências Sociais (CLACSO) - Universidade de São Paulo (USP) - Centro Brasileiro de Análise e Planejamento (CEBRAP) - Universidad de La Plata (UNLP) - Colégio de Mexico (Colmex) - Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) - Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut Berlin (IAI)

(4) Research Area [Hi]Stories of Conviviality / Área de Pesquisa Histórias da convivialidade (2020-2026)

The [Hi]-Stories of Conviviality Research Area focuses on the question of how convivial configurations evolve and interact to bring about changes in convivial regimes, favouring a diachronic approach without limiting itself to it.

Participants	<p>Tilmann Heil – coordinator, researcher</p> <p>Prof Barbara Potthast (UzK), Prof Samuel Barbosa (USP), Prof Carlos Alba (ColMex), Prof Osvaldo Barreneche (UNLP), Prof Ramiro Segura (UNLP) – pesquisadores</p> <p>Bolsistas senior (5 / year)</p> <p>Bolsistas júnior (4 / year)</p>
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	Research assistants (2)
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany - Merian Centre Conviviality-Inequality in Latin America (Mecila)
Collaborations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Universidade de São Paulo (USP) - Centro Brasileiro de Análise e Planejamento (CEBRAP) - Universidad de La Plata (UNLP) - Colégio de Mexico (Colmex) - Freie Unversität Berlin (FUB) - Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut Berlin (IAI)

(5) Forum Decolonizing Academia / Co-Teaching / Co-Ensino (2021-2023)

We are an interdisciplinary working group of students and academic staff planning a co-teaching project on decolonization with partner institutions in the Global South. The co-teaching project aims to reveal and contribute to dismantle the interconnectedness of Western universities with persistent postcolonial inequalities in global knowledge production. The project builds on global experiences with digital teaching and plans digital and hybrid teaching formats together with partner institutions.

Participants	Tilmann Heil – co-member Sara Zavaree, Cassandra Gerber, Jonathan Ngeh, Dores Cruz, Ramiro Segura – co-members
Funding	Global South Studies Centre, Competence Area IV, Diversity Fund (University of Cologne): EUR 11,165

(6) Valued difference. Assembling social hierarchies in Rio de Janeiro (2017-2020)
Diferença Valorizada. Diversificação cultural e hierarquias sociais no Rio de Janeiro

Valued Difference traces social hierarchies, inequality, and urban change through the hi/stories of arrival of Senegalese (Heil 2020d, 2018) and Spanish (Heil 2020e) in Rio de Janeiro, a metropolitan space that envisioned a bright future before falling back into the current crisis. I enquire into how urban newcomers in Rio de Janeiro experience distinct social mobilities in(to) a locality which is characterized by multiple contradicting and interdependent social hierarchies that are historically shaped by race and class and, in recent years once more, by migration-related diversification. The project contributes to the emergence of a more nuanced, less concerted, and decentralized understanding of cities and social stratification. This conceptualization depends on how urban dwellers interpret, judge, and manage the situations through which they pass in everyday life and which take shape at the intersection of changing global relations and con/diverging social imaginaries (Heil 2020d, 2020e, 2019a, under review a, b). Questions of both situational and institutionalized hierarchisation take centre stage on multiple levels and in various arenas: origin, race, class, sex, gender, education, and legal status. Socio-economic precariousness (Heil 2017) intersects with problem-ridden constellations of black-black distinction (Heil 2020b, 2019c), postcolonial re/deconstructions of power hierarchies (Heil 2020e), and challenges of religious and gendered difference (Heil 2019a). Due to the interferences of unanticipated power configurations, knowledge regimes, public cultures, and sexual epistemologies, urban newcomers live their local incorporation in distinct spaces, shifting encounters, variously configured networks, and their respective temporalities. Different from long-term dwellers, newcomers draw upon conflicting translocal and diachronic reference frames. The project combines participant observation, informal, semi-structured interviews, and transect-walks with online

ethnographic approaches to handle its vast geographic and temporal scope. This comparative study results in a 'thick', multi-sited, and multi-layered ethnographic account of valued difference, intersecting hierarchies, and trajectories of inequality.

Participants	Tilmann Heil – Principle Investigator
Funding	Incoming Pegasus ² Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Grant 665501; Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO): EUR 140,000
Fieldwork	Rio de Janeiro (1.5 years)
Collaborations	- Museu Nacional, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ) - Núcleo Interdisciplinar sobre Estudos Migratórios, UFRJ - Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro

(7) Comparing conviviality (2009-2020)

My book (Palgrave, 2020) *Comparing Conviviality. Living with Difference in Casamance and Catalonia* ethnographically develops the concept of conviviality, the ways of living with difference in relative peace in cities, yet well aware that open conflict is a constant potentiality (Heil 2015b). As a conceptual notion, conviviality is set apart from its commonplace English meaning of simply having a good time. Challenging a recurrent ill in migration studies, within which the figure of the migrant is still recurrently othered through victimization or criminalization, my work provides insights into valuable, diasporic knowledges of resilient urban residents with long-standing, transnational experience of living with difference (Heil 2019b). It describes a particularly relevant but overlooked aspect of urban life and directs our focus on the everyday process of how people live together in mundane encounters, of how they re/translate between their differences and how they re/negotiate minimal consensuses. Contested political discourses, encounters in public spaces (Heil 2014b), practices of neighbourliness (Heil 2014a) and the practices of translation and negotiation (Heil 2015b) are key to the analysis of conviviality. As an alternative approach to social integration (Heil/Meissner 2020), my conception of conviviality combines an analysis of social relations, their materialization, and the meanings attached to them. Diversifying and changing societies demand the investigation of the fleeting, the precarious, the uncertain and the unstable. The role of (truncated) multilingualism exemplifies this point (Heil 2015a). Conviviality frames a sociality that is always called into question, at risk to break down and thus continuously re-constituted.

Participants	- Tilmann Heil – PI
Funding	- Doctoral Research Fellowship, Max Planck Institute, Göttingen, 83,000 EUR; - German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
Fieldwork	Senegal (8 months); Spain (8 months)
Collaborations	- Institut Fondamental d’Afrique Noire, Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar - Anthropology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona

(8) Movements on Hold? A Study of Ethiopian Female Transit Migrants (2016-2020)

Movements on Hold comparatively enquires into the migration trajectories and lived experiences of East and West African women who migrate to Europe, the Middle East, or Latin America. Many are stranded in transit and some have returned to their places of origin. Taking different places of origin in Ethiopia and Senegal into account, the project aims to comprehend the lived experiences of, and challenges

faced by Ethiopian and Senegalese female migrants. The risks and challenges they face range from sex trafficking and exploitation, over detention and kidnapping for ransom, to social exclusion and accusations. This project, however, goes beyond a normative victimization narrative and pays particular attention to the women’s agency: the creative strategies they employ while negotiating their precarious and vulnerable position. The project studies the different mechanisms female migrants use to overcome challenges they face and their different pathways of incorporation. Furthermore, we enquire into the prospects of mobility and/or settlement of migrants in a transit country and the factors that affect their decisions to further migrate, settle, or return home. Benefiting from long-term contacts in the field sites, the project is based on qualitative ethnographic methods and life-story interviews. Comparing East and West African migration, transit, and return, we highlight the parallels and differences in the conditions and experiences of two very disparate gendered migration dynamics which sharpen the re/conceptualisation of gendered migration.

Participants	Meron Zeleke Eresso – PI Tilmann Heil - collaborator
Funding	Senior Postdoctoral Fellow, Volkswagen Foundation: EUR 150,000
Fieldwork	Senegal (2 months); Brasil (2 month); Ethiopia (1 month)
Collaborations	- Dr Meron Zeleke Eresso (PI), Rift Valley University, Addis Ababa - Center for Human Rights, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa - Núcleo Interdisciplinar sobre Estudos Migratórios, UFRJ, Rio de Janeiro - Institut Fondamental d’Afrique Noire, Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar

(9) Migration and Borders in Times of Heightened Mobility (04/2014 - 05/2017)

Formed by migration to and migration from Europe, constantly growing and changing transnational networks have steadily tied the old continent to other regions of the world. Despite the currency of a fortress-centered rhetoric and practice, people from other continents continue to find their way to Europe; at the same time, because of the continent’s recent crisis Europeans also try their luck elsewhere, not seldom in “southern” countries. In this manner, global constellations are continuously altered.

In urban centers, super-diverse configurations have emerged (Vertovec 2007), not only constituted by a multiplicity of individuals with diverse “migration backgrounds” but also by distinction according to a range of factors including legal, social, and economic status. In addition, as a result of the development of transnational communities (Basch, Glick Schiller, Szanton Blanc 1994) and transnational networks and subjectivities (Dahinden 2009), processes of social differentiation can now only be understood transnationally (Berger and Weiß 2008). In this way, both in transnational and local contexts of origin, destination, and transit, complex economic, social, and cultural contradictions and tensions have emerged (Nieswand 2011).

Consequently, present-day migration cannot be considered a marginal societal phenomenon; rather, it is part of a process of social transformation increasingly marked by augmented mobility and circulation. In this framework, interpretive schemas approaching migratory movements in terms of one-dimensional transit (from country A to country B) are no longer adequate. Many people spend long periods in transit or live multi-local lives. These life forms are an immanent element of new,

provisional, and fragile social formations, cultures, and economies that, however, endure and presume good social interconnections.

Over time the social, spatial, and temporal dimensions of human relations change. European and non-European societies display characteristics that have emerged not least of all through spatial and social mobility. This calls for correspondingly dynamic theoretical and analytic approaches which we develop on the basis of on-going social and cultural research.

The projects within this field relate to on-going discussions in mobility studies, which deal with the questions of mobility and immobility within all areas of life. They pay attention to the mobility, liquidity and circulation of imaginations, ideas and objects in particular, and of cultures, capital, economies and religions in general. Furthermore, mobility researchers are interested in regimes which try to limit, control or prohibit any kind of mobility. The projects with a focus on the various dimensions of human mobility and its regulation and control systematically seek the comparison with others which explore the (im)mobilities of other objects and themes.

Participants	Tilmann Heil, Estela Schindel – coordinators Doctoral candidates: 3 Research assistants: 9
Funding	Centre of Excellence, University of Konstanz
Fieldwork	Rio de Janeiro (2 years), Buenos Aires (1 month)
Collaborations	- Museu Nacional, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ) - Núcleo Interdisciplinar sobre Estudos Migratórios, UFRJ - Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro

(10) (Un)equal lives of migrants: Comparing, reflecting and embodying processes of social stratification and cultural diversification in Rio de Janeiro today (2014-2017)

Vidas (des)iguais de imigrantes. Comparando, refletindo e incorporando os processos de estratificação social e diversificação cultural na cidade do Rio de Janeiro hoje

This project explores how new migrants into an emergent city of the south, Rio de Janeiro, compare, reflect and embody distinct social mobilities in(to) a locality which is characterised by multiple contradicting and interdependent systems of stratification. The aim is to understand highly stratified urban spaces from multiple perspectives to contribute to a fuller picture of the overall dynamics of current urbanities and the processes of socio-cultural diversification. I argue that we can only understand the social life of a city if we view it from different, but concurrent perspectives. I start by exploring how different city dwellers are situated distinctly within specific urban localities, and which (trans)local reference and value systems they develop to judge and manage their everyday situations.

Participants	Tilmann Heil – coordenador
Funding	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Centre of Excellence, University of Konstanz
Fieldwork	Rio de Janeiro (2 years), Buenos Aires (1 month)
Collaborations	- Museu Nacional, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ) - Núcleo Interdisciplinar sobre Estudos Migratórios, UFRJ - Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro

(11) "Redirections. New migrations from West Africa and Southern Europe into Latin America (2013 - 2014)

This project explores the redirections of global migration flows; the renewed movements of West Africans and Southern Europeans to Rio de Janeiro. I ask how these redirections are organised, which kind of migration infrastructures they rely upon, and what the distinctiveness is of the migrations, depending on their origin, but also upon other factors such as race and class. I explore the social dynamics along the migration process as well as at the new destinations.

Participants	Tilman Heil – coordenador, Estela Schindel – coordenadora Doutorandos: 3 Iniciação científica: 9
Funding	Centre of Excellence, University of Konstanz
Fieldwork	Rio de Janeiro (2 years), Buenos Aires (1 month)
Collaborations	- Núcleo Interdisciplinar sobre Estudos Migratórios, UFRJ - Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro

Publications

For updated online publication lists, see **KUPS** ▶ or **ORCID** ▶

Most important publications

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Heil, T. 2020. Post/colonial reconfigurations. The disregarded, renewed arrival of Spaniards in Rio de Janeiro. *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*, doi: 10.1080/15562948.2020.1754994 ▶ [OA, IF: 2.298]

Heil, T. 2019. Muslim – Queer encounters in Rio de Janeiro. Making sense of relative positionalities. *Ethnography* online first (print: 2021 22(1): 31-50), doi: 10.1177/1466138119859601 ▶ [5y-IF: 1.382]

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Monograph

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Edited volumes and special issues

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2017a *Mobilities, migratory experiences ethnographically connected*. *New Diversities* 19 (3), edited with Riccio, Bruno, Schwartz, Inga and Andrea Piori. [OA]

Peer-reviewed articles and chapters

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2023c, forthcoming Navigating norms and values. Multinormativity in the everyday (Rio de Janeiro, Brasil), in Barbosa, Samuel, Barreneche, Osvaldo, Heil, Tilmann (eds.) *Normative multiplicity*. Biblioteca CLACSO-Mecila. Buenos Aires: CLACSO. [AO]

- 2022a Convivialidad al borde [Conviviality on the edge]. In Mecila (ed.) *Convivialidad - desigualdad: Explorando los nexos entre lo que nos une y lo que nos separa* [Conviviality – inequality: exploring the Nexus of what unites and separates us], 63-107. Buenos Aires: CLACSO.
- 2021a Interweaving the fabric of urban infrastructure. Senegalese city-making in Rio de Janeiro. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Studies* 45(1): 133-149 [OA]
- 2020b Conviviality on the brink. Blackness, Africanness and Marginality in Rio de Janeiro, in Scarato, Luciane et al. (eds.) *Convivial Constellations in Latin America from Colonial to Contemporary Times*, Routledge.
- c Deromanticising integration. On the importance of convivial disintegration. *Migration Studies* online first. [with Fran Meissner, OA].
- d Post/colonial reconfigurations. The disregarded, renewed arrival of Spaniards in Rio de Janeiro. *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies* online first. [OA]
- e Alteridades migratórias atuais: Africanidade e Europeidade em questão no Rio de Janeiro [Contemporary migrant alterities: Africanness and Europeanness at stake in Rio de Janeiro]. *Brésil[s]. Sciences humaines et sociales* forthcoming. [OA]
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