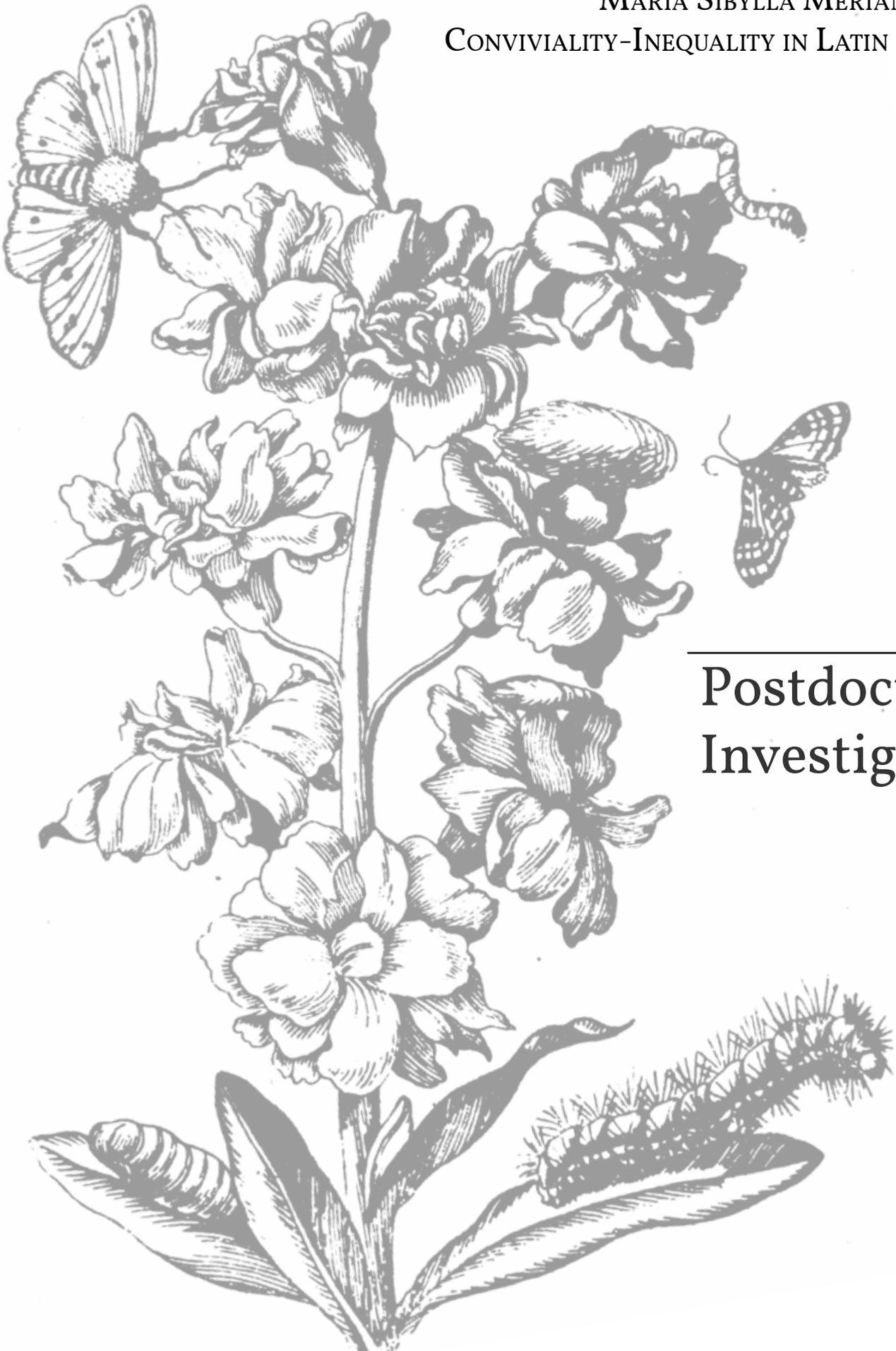


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CONVIVIALITY-INEQUALITY IN LATIN AMERICA



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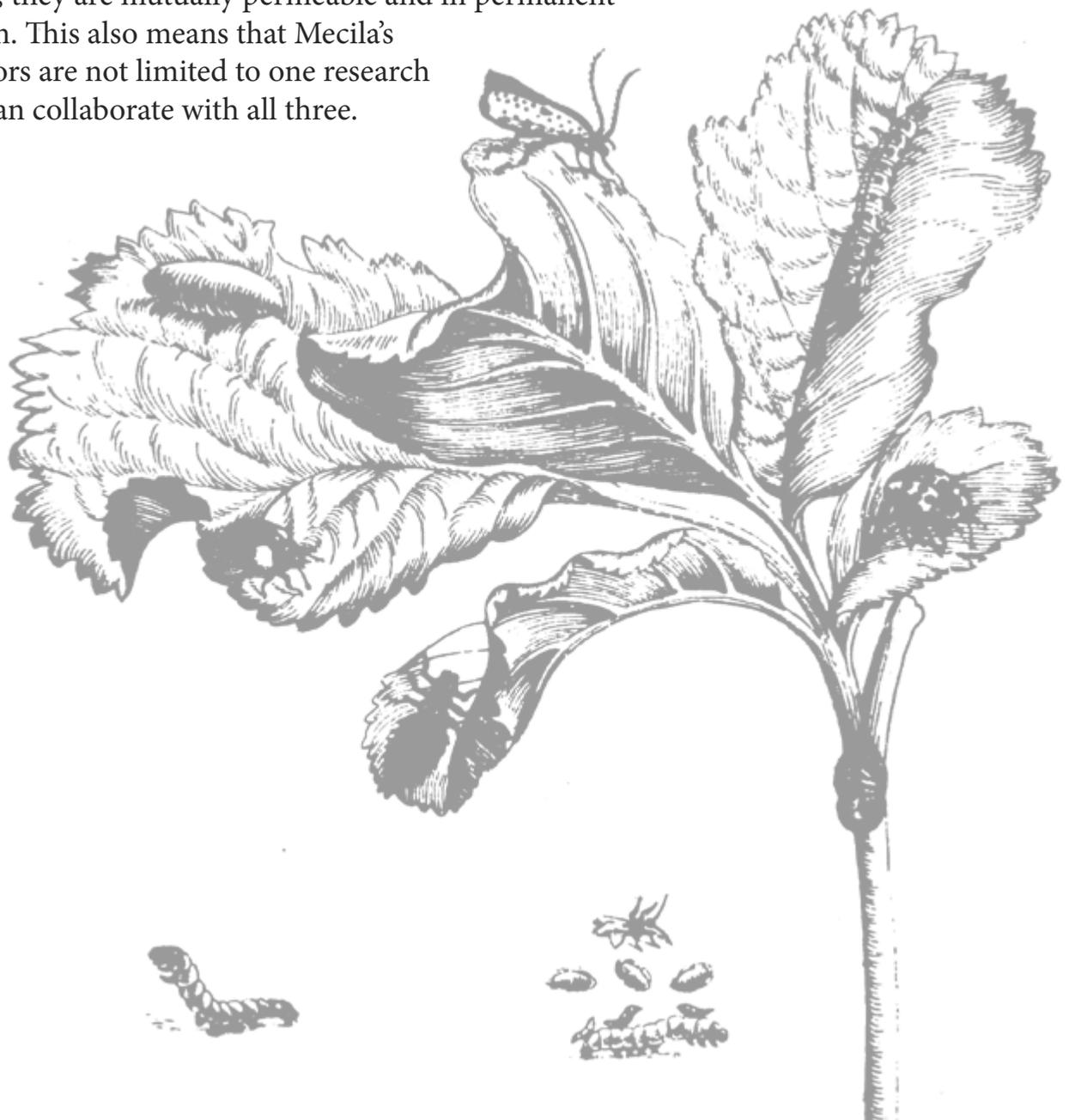
Postdoctoral  
Investigators

The Maria Sibylla Merian Centre Conviviality-Inequality in Latin America (Mecila) is honoured to present its Postdoctoral Investigators.

Employed by Mecila's partner institutions in Germany, they will spend extended periods in São Paulo and at the nodes in Mexico and Argentina, maintaining active exchange with the German institutions of the consortium.

They will thus support the continuity and transference of research results to new Fellows as well as the communication among different institutions, especially within the Research Areas of Mecila. Each of them will be responsible for the coordination of one Research Area together with the respective Spokespersons of each Area.

Even though the Research Areas have their own interests and objectives, they are mutually permeable and in permanent interaction. This also means that Mecila's investigators are not limited to one research area but can collaborate with all three.



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# RESEARCH AREAS

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## POLITICS OF CONVIVIALITY

Projects focusing on the negotiation of differences and inequalities in everyday life and within institutions fall under this Research Area. Its central research questions concern the everyday and institutional practices which reinforce or diminish patterns of inequality within convivial configurations. It also considers how various agents – including social movements, governments, academics, and migrants among others – foster or challenge existing inequalities.

## (HI-)STORIES OF CONVIVIALITY

This Research Area brings together projects with a focus on the historical and narrative dimension of the nexus conviviality-inequality. Guiding questions include investigations into the ways in which past and present convivial configurations and regimes are shaped by various entangled histories. Hence, juridical and socio-economic aspects will play a central role in this Research Area due to their importance in maintaining or shifting a given convivial regime.

## MEDIALITIES OF CONVIVIALITY

This Research Area focuses on processes of co-production and circulation of knowledge and representation relating to the nexus between inequality and conviviality. This includes both immaterial flows of ideas, values, and imaginaries as well as relevant practices and materialisations. Writing, drawing, photographing, collecting, and exhibiting offer important clues to the study of how notions of conviviality – for instance, as utopias or mythical pasts – were manifested in objects produced and circulated in convivial and unequal contexts. The role of new media will also be of interest for this Research Area.



## Clara Ruvituso

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Coordinator of the Research Area  
Medialities of Conviviality

Clara Ruvituso is a sociologist from the Universidad Nacional de La Plata (Argentina, 2008) and obtained her PhD in Political Science from the Universität Rostock (Germany) within the framework of the DFG-Graduate School “Cultural Encounters and Discourses of Scholarship” (2014). After her doctoral thesis focused on the productive and controversial reception of Martin Heidegger in Argentina during the first Peronism (Vervuert/Iberoamericana, 2015; Joachim-Jungius-Preis), she decided to focus on the circulation of knowledge in a much less researched direction: from South to North.

The main research interest in the framework of conviviality is focused on analyzing inequalities, entanglements and transformations in the production and transregional circulation of Southern Theories in the global North. Her project in Mecila focuses on the circulation of Latin American dependency theories in France and Germany, comparing processes of translation, appropriation, modification and exchanges within structures marked by inequality and difference.

### Selected Publications

(2020) with Peter Birle and Enrique Fernandez: *Las Izquierdas Latinoamericanas y Europeas: Idearios, Praxis y sus Circulaciones Transregionales en la Larga Década del Sesenta*. Frankfurt am Main, Madrid: Iberoamericana, Vervuert. (forthcoming)

(2020): “[Southern Theories in Northern Circulation: Analysing the translation of Latin American dependency theories into German](#)”, in: *Tapuya: Latin American Sciences, Technology and Society*, 00, 00, 1-15, Online: Routledge.

(2019): “Sozialwissenschaftliche Lateinamerikaforschung in Deutschland”, in: Maihold, Günther; Sangmeister, Hartmut and Werz, Nikolaus (eds.), *Lateinamerika. Handbuch für Wissenschaft und Forschung*, 93-102, Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlag.

(2019): “[From the South to the North: The circulation of Latin American dependency theories in the Federal Republic of Germany](#)”, in: *Current Sociology*, 68, 1, 22-40.

# POSTDOCTORAL INVESTIGATORS



## Mariana Teixeira

Freie Universität Berlin

Coordinator of the Research Area  
Politics of Conviviality

Mariana Teixeira earned her Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate degrees in Philosophy from the Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Unicamp, Brazil), where she also studied Political Science and Sociology. She has taught as a visiting lecturer in Philosophy at Unicamp and in Social Psychology at the Universidade de São Paulo (Brazil). She was a visiting doctoral researcher at the Freie Universität Berlin (Germany) and a postdoctoral researcher at the Centro Brasileiro de Análise e Planejamento (Cebrap, Brazil). She is associate researcher at this latter institution and managing editor of *Dissonancia: Critical Theory Journal*.

She is interested in and has published on critical theory, political and social philosophy, sociological theory, feminism, post- and de-colonial theories, and the dialectical tradition stemming from Hegel and Marx. By way of an inquiry into the critical appropriation of Hegel's "master-slave dialectics" from otherized (e.g. racialized, gendered, colonized, exploited) perspectives, her current research agenda explores the political-epistemological disclosing potential latent in the experiences of peripheral subjects.

### Selected Publications

(2020): "Kojève's 'dialectique du maître et de l'esclave': On the Wirkungsgeschichte of a Traitorous Translation", *Verifiche: Rivista di scienze umane*, special issue: Hegel And/In/On Translation. (forthcoming)

(2020) "[Dilaceration and Emancipatory Interest: The Revolutionary Subject in Lukács and Feminist Standpoint Theory](#)", in: G. Zucker-Smulewicz (ed.), *Confronting Reification: The Revitalization of a Concept in Late Capitalism*. Leiden: Brill.

(2019): "Can Honneth's Theory Account for a Critique of Instrumental Reason? Capitalism and the Pathologies of Negative Freedom", in: Schmitz, V. (ed.) *Axel Honneth and the Critical Theory of Recognition*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

(2019) with Arthur Bueno: "[The Politics of Social Suffering](#)", in: *Digithum: A Relational Perspective on Culture and Society*, 23.

# POSTDOCTORAL INVESTIGATORS



## Tilmann Heil

Universität zu Köln • Germany

Coordinator of the Research Area  
(Hi-)Stories of Conviviality

Tilmann Heil holds a doctorate in Social and Cultural Anthropology and a MPhil in interdisciplinary Migration Studies (both at the University of Oxford). His project [Valued Difference](#) is on urban hierarchies and inequalities based on ethnographic research with West African and Southern European migrants in Rio de Janeiro. His book *Comparing Conviviality* addresses situations of ethnic and religious plurality in Europe and Africa, in which he conceptualises conviviality as a process of interaction, negotiation and translation.

Until 2020, he was a FWO PEGASUS Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow at IMMRC/Anthropology at KU Leuven (Belgium). In the same period, he also worked on gendered migration from West Africa, funded by the VolkswagenStiftung. In the past, he coordinated a four-year doctoral programme as a postdoctoral fellow at Universität Konstanz. He maintains research collaborations with the PPGAS/National Museum, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), the Fundação Casa Rui Barbosa (Rio de Janeiro), and the Institut Fondamental d'Afrique Noire, Cheikh Anta Diop University Dakar (Senegal), among others.

### Selected Publications

(2020): “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*, London: Routledge.

(2020): “Comparing Conviviality. Living with Difference in Casamance and Catalonia”, in: *Global diversities*, 21, Basingstoke: Palgrave.

(2020): with Fran Meissner: “[Deromanticising Integration. On the Importance of Convivial Disintegration](#)”, in: *Migration Studies*, mnz056.

(2020): “Interweaving the Fabric of Urban Infrastructure. The Emergence of a Senegalese Presence in Rio de Janeiro”, in: *International Journal of Urban And Regional Research*. (forthcoming)

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