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## Convivial [Hi]Stories.

### Envisioning ‘Conviviality’ in Colonial and Modern Latin America

June 14–15, 2018

University of Cologne (*Neuer Senatssaal*)

This workshop is concerned with discourses and practices of ‘conviviality’ – coexistence and cohabitation with difference – in the unequal societies of early and late modern South and Middle America and the Caribbean. It brings together scholars in the humanities and social sciences with an interest in ideas that envision forms of living – or, for that matter, working, dwelling, or learning – together that surmount, contain, or accommodate, difference. Focusing on the centuries spanning from the early 1500s into the late 1900s, papers examine a wide range of such endeavours in the southern Americas – from *creolité* movements in the Caribbean to nostalgia for Al-Andalus as a model for conviviality.

A first panel (**I. In Theory: Ideals of Conviviality**) examines visionary, utopian discourses of peaceable ‘conviviality’ in the realms of scholarship, society or religion; a second panel (**In Reality: Structures and Conviviality**) is devoted to the historical and material realities – from tax regimes to infrastructure – of containing, enabling, or policing coexistence and cohabitation with difference; a third panel (**Contested Ground: Conviviality in Crisis**) brings together papers that study contested, or failed projects of conviviality – instances of contestation, rupture, and conflict.

**Keynotes:** Karen Graubart (University of Notre Dame) and Susanne Klengel (Freie Universität Berlin)

**Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00-9:30 Registration**

**09:30 – 10:00**

**WELCOME ADDRESSES**

**Workshop Opening**

**10:00 – 13:00**

**Panel I. In Theory: Ideals of Conviviality**

Discussant: Christoph Müller (Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut)

Oswaldo Barreneche (Universidad Nacional de la Plata): *Fraternal Adversaries. The Role of Opposition and Opponents in XX Century Latin American Political Discourse*

Gesine Müller (Universität zu Köln): *Modelos de “convivencia” en las letras caribeñas: entre construcciones esencialistas y proyecciones utópicas*

Guillermo Zermeño (El Colegio del Mexico): *Mestizaje en México*

Barbara Potthast (Universität zu Köln): *¿La “nación guaraní”? Relaciones étnicas e identidad nacional en Paraguay*

Peter W. Schulze (Universität zu Köln): *“Antropofagia oswaldiana”: A Brazilian Epistemology for Conviviality*

**13:00 – 14:30            LUNCH BREAK**

**14:30 – 15:30**

**Keynote Lecture**

Chair: Juan Piovani (Conicet / Universidad Nacional de La Plata)

Susanne Klengel (Freie Universität Berlin)

*Relaciones peligrosas: Roberto Bolaño y el nacionalsocialismo. Nuevas Investigaciones*

**16:00 – 18:30**

**Opening of the photo exhibition “Maid in Brasil“**

Presentation: Sarah Albiez-Wieck (Universität zu Köln)

## **Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

**09:00 – 10:00**

### **Keynote Lecture**

Chair: Marcos Nobre (Centro Brasileiro de Análise e Planejamento)

Karen Graubart (University of Notre Dame)

*What Medieval Spanish Legal Practice Can Teach Us About Colonial Latin America*

**10:00 – 13:00**

### **Panel II. In Reality: Structures and Conviviality**

Discussant: Stefanie Gänger (Universität zu Köln)

Luciane Scarato (Maria Sibylla Merian Centre), *Between the Roads and the Railway. The Materiality of Conviviality in Minas Gerais (18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries)*

Manuel Góngora-Mera, Rocío Vera Santos, Sérgio Costa (Frei Universität Berlin): *Convivialidad en ciudades mineras coloniales*

Sarah Albiez-Wieck (Universität zu Köln), *Producing and Negotiating Social Difference Through Tax Systems. A Comparative Approach to the Conviviality of Difference in the Spanish Empire*

Maya Manzi (Maria Sibylla Merian Centre): *Trans-human and trans-spatial convivialities: Comparing the political ecology and moral economies of mobility in Brazilian late 20<sup>th</sup> and early 21<sup>st</sup> centuries.*

Ariadna Acevedo Rodrigo (Centro de Investigación y Estudios Avanzados, México): *From Indians to Citizens: The Liberal Promise of Equality at the Grassroots (The Puebla and Oaxaca Sierras, Mexico, 1876-1911)*

**13:00 – 14:30**

**LUNCH BREAK**

**14:30 – 17:30**

### **Panel III. Contested Ground: Conviviality in Crisis**

Discussant: Angela Alonso (Universidade de São Paulo)

Gloria Chicote (Universidad Nacional de la Plata), *La crisis de la convivialidad representada en la literatura popular impresa rioplatense (1890-1920)*

Ronald Raminelli (Universidade Federal Fluminense): *Colors, races, and qualities*

Anna Guiteras Mombiola (Universidad de Barcelona): *Núcleos escolares selvícolas: una labor de “convivialidad” civilizadora en la Amazonía boliviana (1930s-1960s)*

Felipe Castro Gutierrez (UNAM, Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas): *Routine Violence and the Limits of Coexistence in a Colonial Society*

Fernando Baldría (Maria Sibylla Merian Centre): *The Aging of (Haitian) Revolution: a whisper*

**17:45 – 18:45            CONCLUDING REMARKS**

Sérgio Costa (FU Berlin), Barbara Potthast (Univ. zu Köln), Barbara Göbel (IAI),  
Marcos Nobre (CEBRAP)

**19:00                    Farewell**