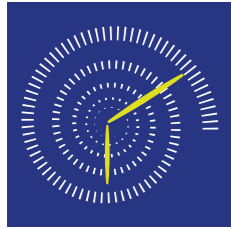
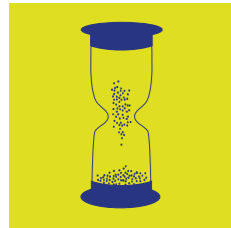


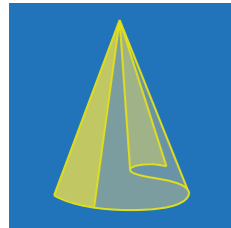
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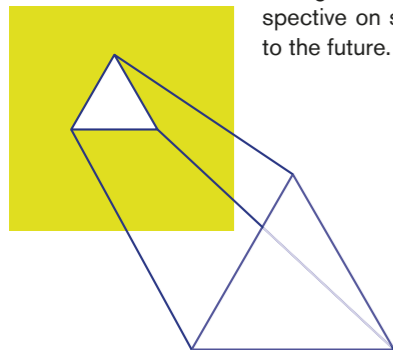
The main concern of the International Research Training Group (IRTG) 'Temporalities of Future' is the development of a new perspective for the study of temporalities of the future within the humanities and the social sciences. The scholars involved look at how people deal and have dealt with the challenges of the future in colonial, postcolonial and contemporary Latin America. In doing so, time and temporality are understood as social constructs and analysed in relation to Latin America's global entanglements and cultural heterogeneity, in order to achieve a better understanding of these two characteristic aspects of the region.



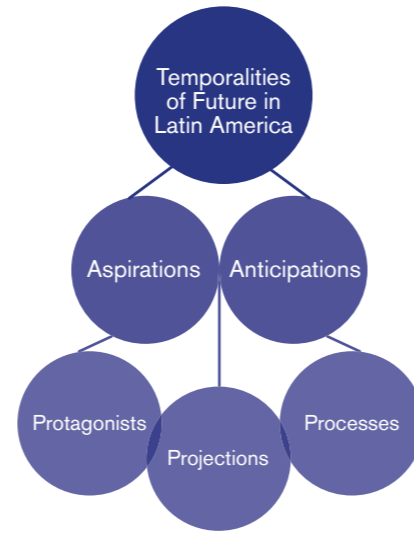
The project assumes that people perceive temporality according to their cultural contexts and that no concept of time has ever been universally valid for all societies. Rather, different concepts of time and time regimes coexist, sometimes peacefully, but more often as instruments or reasons for conflict. The IRTG suggests an actor-centred approach to explore everyday practices of anticipation and aspiration in a region marginalised by Western colonisation and modernisation.



This new orientation of the disciplines involved in the IRTG (history, political science, sociology, literary and cultural studies, cultural and social anthropology, economics) makes it possible to focus on the anticipations and aspirations of different actors, who create new temporalities of the future through constant interaction, thus adding a much-needed perspective on subaltern and non-Western agency with regard to the future.



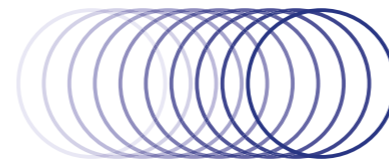
RESEARCH PROGRAMME



Based on this fundamental division of temporalities of the future, the IRTG analyses three research dimensions involved in the production of new temporalities through anticipations and aspirations: protagonists of the future, projections into the future and processes that affect the future.

Since the exploratory phase of early globalisation, Latin America has been a projection screen for many visions of the future. The innovative research design of the interdisciplinary IRTG promises to engage with current, past and competing temporalities of the future in Latin America, from precolonial times through independence and nation building to the current crises of the 21st century.

In examining Latin American ideas of the future, the dynamics of aspirations and anticipations are of great importance to (building) research theory. These two aspects represent two different ways of dealing with the future: Aspirations refer to the process of actively shaping the future, for instance through projects of conquest and colonisation, the establishment of educational systems or revolutionary movements. Anticipations, on the other hand, are defensive actions against possible future developments. These include, for example, preparations for natural disasters and demographic developments, as well as migration and exile.



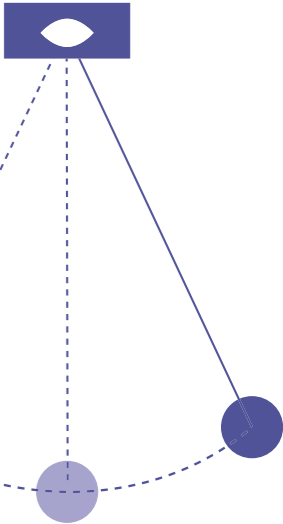
STUDY PROGRAMME

The International Research Training Group allows highly qualified doctoral students to prepare their dissertations as research associates in a demanding research environment. They are supervised by at least one professor in Mexico and one in Germany (tandem) and benefit from the diversity of regional knowledge networks. The IRTG combines close supervision with high mobility.

The research-oriented IRTG is designed for a period of three years and consists of four elements:

- Research as part of the doctoral project
- Theory and method courses tailored to the dissertation topic
- Interdisciplinary seminars
- Courses to learn different skills (academic writing, professional training seminars, etc.)

The doctoral students of the IRTG have the opportunity to participate in additional training courses at both locations in Mexico and Germany, in order to prepare for their careers both inside and outside the university.



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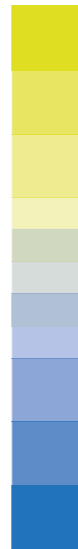
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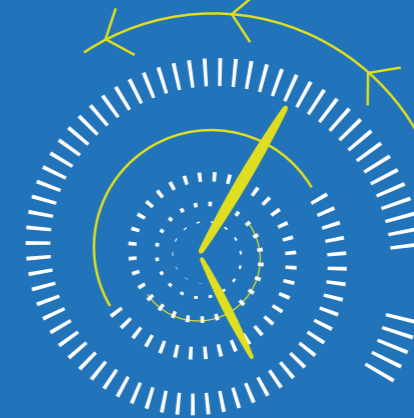


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