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## **Between Democracy and Dictatorship.**

### **Interdependencies and Political Transfers between Latin America, Europe, and the USA in the 19th and 20th Centuries**

13–15 July 2026, Adolfo Ibáñez University

Errázuriz Campus, Santiago de Chile

#### **Monday, 13 July, Entel Hall**

**10:30-** Opening remarks. *Stefan Rinke* (Free University Berlin)

**Session 1.** Chair: *Ulrike von Hirschhausen* (German Historical Institute Washington DC/Berkeley)

**10:45-** Eduardo Zimmermann (University of San Andrés, Buenos Aires)

Religion and Democracy under Debate in 19th Century Latin America (Argentina and Chile, 1840s-1860s)

**11:15-** Laura Cucchi (University of Buenos Aires)

South American Legal Order in the 19th Century. Colonial legacies and republican institutions

**11:45-** Lena Bader (German Center for Art History, Paris)

Rooted Power: Manioc as a Site of Transatlantic Biopolitics

**12:15-** General discussion

**13:00-** Lunch break

**Session 2.** Chair: *Petra Terhoeven* (German Historical Institute in Rome)

**14:30-** Antonio Morant (University of Valencia)

Learning and Teaching Anti-Democratic Ideas across Borders (and an Ocean). Spanish Fascist Women before and after 1945

**15:00-** Katharina Schembs (University of Cologne)

Staging Work in the Corporatist State. Visual Propaganda and Political Identity Formation in Fascist Italy and Peronist Argentina (1922-1955)

**15:30-** General discussion

**16:00-** Coffee break

**16:30-** Federico Finchelstein (The New School for Social Research, New York)

**Keynote.** Democracy and Caesarism in Modern Latin American History

**17.45 -** Meeting between MWS Directors and Chilean Universities (U. de Chile, PUC and UAI)

**18:30-** Reception at the residence of the German Embassy

## **Tuesday, 14 July, Valparaíso Hall**

**Session 3.** Chair: *Stefan Rinke* (Free University Berlin)

**10:00-** Daniel Stahl (Friedrich-Alexander University, Erlangen)

Searching for the Disappeared and for Democracy: A German–Argentine History of Entanglement in Confronting the Crimes of the Military Dictatorship

**10:30-** Camillo Robertini (University of Messina)

¿Una diplomacia paralela? El Quirinale frente a la dictadura argentina y a la violación de los derechos humanos, 1978-1985 / A Parallel Diplomacy? The Italian Presidency and the Argentine Dictatorship: Human Rights Violations, 1978–1985

**11:00-** Tomás Villarroel (Adolfo Ibáñez University, Santiago)

Between Authoritarianism and Democracy: The Case of Colonia Dignidad in the Chilean Transition

**11:30-** General discussion

**12:00-**Lunch break

**Session 4.** Chair: *Peter Geimer* (German Center for Art History, Paris)

**13:30-** Amy Kerner (German Historical Institute Washington DC/Berkeley)

Marcelo Brodsky: A Crack in Time

**14:00-** Fernanda Pitta (University of São Paulo)

Imagine the scene: Indigenous agency and the “retomadas” in the field of art

**14:30-** General discussion

**15:00-** Closing remarks