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An International Conference under the theme:

Environmental Discourse: Understanding Theory and Practice

April 1st- 2nd, 2020

Call for Papers

The environmental theme has been strongly debated over the last few decades all over the world to reflect a collective consciousness regarding human practices. After a long time debate, the discourse used to analyze, study, and discuss the issue leaves no doubt that it is an ecological crisis. Today, the environmental discourse is a privileged source of mediation and apprehension of environmental issues embraced by both the highly erudite and the ordinary layman. The environmental discourse can be seen as an emergent specialized discourse in the sense that it includes different types of communication and terminology put in place in the field. Actually, the concept of environment is controversial which makes the discourse about it an area of interest whereby multiple ideological perspectives intertwine. In this direction, the environment discourse can be any discourse which aims at contributing to the preservation, protection or regeneration of the environment. The theme of this conference **'Environment and Discourse: Understanding Theory and Practice'** embraces all communication practices carried out by the media, organizations, political parties, or any other intervening on the public stage, to deal with the theme of the environment. The objective of the conference, then, is to cover a relatively heterogeneous set of discourses the content of which reflect on new visions and attitudes that thoroughly examine environmental issues: the Conference will be an opportunity to understand current and emerging trends, achievements and challenges in the domain. Eventually, the conference will be a platform to reiterate that the alignment of environment and discourse can throw light on the way environmental issues are perceived and interpreted in different disciplines. By way of indication, we invite scholars to join the debate on the issues related to the following items, among others:

- **Eco-linguistics and Education**
- **Environment and Linguistics**
- **Environment and Literature**
- **Environment and Art**
- **Environment and Media**
- **Environment and Legislation**
- **Environment and Sustainable Development**

Proposals

The organizing committee welcomes abstracts and proposals on the above issues. A 300 WORD abstract, along with a ONE PARAGRAPH curriculum vitae, should be submitted electronically (preferably in Word format) before **28th February 2019** to the following emails: **m.mliless@edu.umi.ac.ma**; or **s.kerouad@umi.ac.ma** or **m.larouz@umi.ac.ma**

Acceptance, however, does not include any financial support - participants are responsible for their own funding (i.e. securing grants, etc.) to pay for travel expenses. It should be noticed that selected conference papers will be published in a special volume upon the approval of the scientific committee. Submitters of accepted proposals will be notified within 10 days of the above deadline.

Important Dates and Deadlines

- Abstract submission deadline: **February 28 th, 2020**
- Notification of acceptance/rejection: **March 09th, 2020**
- Final paper submission deadline: **March 16th, 2020**

Conference Registration Fees

- Faculty members and researchers : **400 Dh**
- Students : **200 Dh**

Payment will be made on the opening day of the Conference

Guidelines for Submitting your Paper

- The paper must have a sound methodology reflecting the features of real scientific research.
- The paper must be in a **A4** format, in **Times New Romans** size **14** in text and size **10** in the margins, and in **APA style**.
- Abstracts and completed research papers should be sent to the following emails:

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