



**The Research Laboratory 'Langage et Société-URAC 56'**  
**in Collaboration with the International Journal of English Language Studies,**  
**Master Linguistics,**  
**&**  
**Master Teaching English as a Foreign Language**  
**organizes the first international conference on the theme:**  
**Unlocking the Power of Soft Skills at the Tertiary Level: The Key to Achieving**  
**Professional Excellence**  
**Faculty of Languages, Lettres, and Arts,**  
**Ibn Tofail University, Kénitra,**  
**May 25th, 2024**

## **Background**

In today's fast-paced and constantly evolving world, the importance of possessing soft skills cannot be overstated. Soft skills are no longer a mere option but have become a necessity for personal as well as professional growth. Given their importance, it is imperative to pay more attention to them in both academic and professional settings. With this objective in mind, a meeting has been planned to delve deeper into various aspects of soft skills and explore their relationship with the teaching of foreign languages.

The event aims to create a platform for foreign language teachers and professionals from diverse universities to come together and share their knowledge and experiences. The conference will specifically focus on exploring the relationship between the teaching of foreign languages and the development of soft skills in academic and professional contexts.

The conference is open to all topics related to research and intervention in the teaching and learning of languages. A reasonably broad spectrum of research and intervention topics is expected to be covered during the conference.

Attendees can expect to gain valuable insights into the latest research, best practices, and innovative approaches to teaching foreign languages and developing soft skills. By participating in the event, attendees will have the opportunity to network with other professionals, exchange ideas, and explore potential collaborations.

## Themes:

1. Soft Skills and Pedagogy
2. Soft skills Teaching and Learning
3. Soft Skills Assessment
4. Soft Skills vs Hard Skills
5. Soft Skills and the Workplace
6. Soft Skills in Higher Education
7. Automation/ AI and Soft skills
8. Professional Training
9. Soft Skills and Vocational Training
10. Foreign Languages and Soft Skills

## Topics to address include but are not limited to:

### 1. Communication:

This includes verbal, non-verbal, and written communication skills. It involves the ability to express oneself clearly, listen actively, and convey information effectively.

### 2. Communication Teamwork and Collaboration:

The capacity to work cooperatively with others towards a common goal, including skills like conflict resolution, compromise, and leadership within a team setting.

### 3. Problem-solving and Critical Thinking:

The capability to analyze situations, identify problems, and devise effective solutions. It also involves creativity, innovation, and adaptability in approaching challenges.

### 4. Emotional Intelligence:

Understanding and managing one's own emotions, as well as recognizing and empathizing with the emotions of others. This includes skills like self-awareness, self-regulation, empathy, and social skills.

### 5. Adaptability and Flexibility:

The ability to adjust to new situations, environments, and responsibilities. This involves being open to change, learning from experiences, and being resilient in the face of challenges.

### 6. Time Management and Organization:

Effectively managing one's time and priorities, setting goals, and staying organized. This includes skills like prioritization, planning, and delegation.

### 7. Leadership and Influence:

Inspiring and guiding others towards a shared vision or goal, regardless of formal authority. This includes skills like mentorship, persuasion, and decision-making.

### 8. Networking and Relationship Building:

Building and maintaining positive relationships with colleagues, clients, and contacts within and outside of one's organization. This involves skills like communication, empathy, and trust-building.

### 9. Cultural Competence and Diversity:

Understanding and respecting different cultures, perspectives, and backgrounds. This includes skills like inclusivity, cultural awareness, and the ability to work effectively in diverse teams.

### 10. Stress Management and Resilience:

Coping with pressure, setbacks, and adversity in a healthy and constructive manner. This involves skills like self-care, mindfulness, and maintaining a positive attitude.

## Paper Proposals:

We require papers that take no longer than 15 minutes to present. Whenever possible, we will film the presentations and consider posting them on the web. The papers presented will also be considered for publication and, as such, will be subject to anonymous peer evaluation.

We encourage participants to submit abstracts of 250-300 words to [FLLAconference@hotmail.com](mailto:FLLAconference@hotmail.com). Full papers should range between 2500 to 8000 words and must follow the APA format for citations and references.

To register for participation, you can fill in [this form](#) or scan the QR code below:



### **Important Dates:**

Schedule of the Conference: [May 25th, 2024](#)

Abstract Submission Deadline: [May 15th, 2024](#).

Notification of Acceptance: [May 16th, 2024](#).

Full Paper Submission Deadline: [May 24th, 2024](#)

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