



***THE LANGUAGE AND SOCIETY LABORATORY ORGANIZES
A NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON:***

***Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Phonology and its
Interfaces***

Faculty of Languages, Letters and Arts

Ibn Tofail University, Kenitra

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The complex linguistic situation in the world has always been a rich arena for linguists to explore phonological issues, not only within the traditional theoretical apparatuses, but also in conjunction with insights, approaches, and theories from diverse disciplines that feed into the exploration of intricate phonological phenomena. The incredible diversity of languages and local varieties, which coexist and interact, allows phonologists to draw on theories from core linguistics such as phonetics, morphology, and syntax to generate a more holistic and profound understanding of phonological issues, and provide robust arguments for the generalizability and extrapolation of the latest phonological theories (such as Optimality Theory) to account for long-standing issues in the linguistic landscape. Phonological theories have also been incorporated into other related linguistic disciplines. Universal phonological constraints, within the framework of Optimality Theory, for instance, are commonly integrated into the analysis of syntactic and morphological structures, and semantic utterances. Phonology has also formed the nucleus of the applied linguists' investigation of real-world language-related issues and challenges in teaching, learning, and acquisition. In essence, phonology has played a pivotal role in shaping, advancing, and substantiating theoretical arguments in various linguistic disciplines; likewise, numerous linguistic subfields converge within the realm of phonology, providing the phonologist with a comprehensive framework to analyze the relationship between sound patterns and the broader aspects of language structure, meaning, and usage.

This conference is, therefore, a forum to mirror the language-specific properties that characterize individual languages from a phonological perspective - both theoretical and experimental - and the examination of phonological issues through the lens of both core and applied linguistic theories. This conference encourages researchers in the field to discuss and debate phonological phenomena in the light of recent theories and underscore phonological topics of growing importance. It aims at bringing together researchers, scholar, and professionals from various

disciplines to share their latest research findings, innovations insights, and perspectives on phonological matters.

Scholars, academics, researchers, professionals in the field of English language teaching, and students from all related fields and affiliations are then cordially invited to share their original contributions on all aspects of phonology and its interfaces. The conference welcomes theoretical and experimental contributions that address themes and topics in phonology, and the interplay between phonology and all other related fields, especially phonetics, morphology, syntax, and semantics. It is also a valuable platform for language teachers to communicate their research findings, experiences, pedagogical recommendations, and practical challenges and solutions in the teaching of phonology to EFL students.

We warmly invite submissions on a wide range of topics related to phonology and its interfaces, including – but not limited to – the following:

- Optimality-theoretic analysis of phonological, morphological, or syntactic issues
- Phonological analysis of loanwords
- The interaction between phonology and other related linguistic branches
- L1 an L2 phonology
- EFL students' phonological errors
- The teaching and learning of suprasegmental features
- The acquisition and learning of prosodic features
- Phonological typology
- Comparative studies on Moroccan varieties
- Phonological alternations approached within moraic theory, metrical phonology, autosegmental theory, lexical phonology, etc.
- Syllable structure and phonotactics
- Historical phonology and language change

❖ **Guidelines for abstract submission:**

- The abstract should:
 - contain the full name, affiliation, and email of the presenter(s).
 - be written in English, French, or Arabic and in a single paragraph (between 150 – 250 words).
 - contain the title, problem statement, approach, results, and conclusions.
 - include the key words written at the end of the abstract.
 - be sent as a PDF (preferably) or Microsoft Word file format to phonologyconference@gmail.com
- ❖ All received abstracts will be sent to the members of the scientific committee that will communicate their decision with the researchers. Researchers whose abstracts are accepted will be notified in due time.
- ❖ Submit a biodata of no more than 100 words.

❖ **Conference participation and language:**

- Each presenter, whether presenting individually or as part of a joint presentation, will have a maximum of 20 minutes for their presentation.
- The languages of the conference are English, French, and Arabic.
- The conference will be held in person and online.

❖ **Important dates:**

- Abstract submission deadline: November 28th, 2025.
- Notification of acceptance: December 5th, 2025.
- Conference date: December 18th, 2025.

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