



University of Monastir, Tunisia

The Higher Institute of Applied Languages, Moknine



Call for Papers

The International Conference of the English Department

Communication and Identity

16-18 November 2023

The concepts of identity and communication have respectively been at the heart of many compelling critical debates. The correlation between these two notions, however, has been brought to the forefront thanks to the emanation of theories such as Michael Hecht's Communication Theory of Identity (Hecht, 1993). Indeed, the latter proposition has underscored the interdependence and mutual constitution of both identity and communication.

In line with this perspective, the English Department at the Higher Institute of Applied Languages in Moknine organises an international conference that brings together scholars from Linguistics, Culture Studies, Literature and Communication to approach the dynamics in the relationship between communication and identity. The conference aims at bringing varied perspectives to the use of the different means of communication to create and maintain identities or challenge existing ones.

The conference topics include, but are not limited to:

- Communication and identity: a settled debate or a life-long challenge
- Communication and power to maintain/challenge identity
- Communicating (virtual) identities and the social media
- Identity traces in media communications
- Communication and identity in contexts
- Communication and fake identities
- The role of communication in the process of identity construction
- Communication and contemporary identity
- Communication and identity in the (post)COVID 19 context
- Communicating topics and the identity of the literary work

- Communication and the construction of self/other identity
- Communicating gender and racial identities in literary texts
- Speaking back to discourses of power and redressing misrepresented identities
- Silence as a form of communicating identity
- Errors in communication among EFL learners from different identities
- Communication in the business field: Challenges to identity
- Communication and identity in the advertising discourse
- Stance-taking and overt/covert political identity
- Communication and national identity
- War/diplomacy as a means of communication
- (Im)balance of power and communication in political science
- (Im)balance of power and communication in international relations
- The emergence of a new identity in (cross)cultural communication
- Communication in international relations to (re)present self/other identity
- Communication/failure of communication and identity negotiation

The organising committee is delighted to invite contributors to submit abstracts of no more than 250 words, including references and five keywords, for a twenty-minute presentation. Please send your abstract and a short bio of 50 words to conference.isla2023@gmail.com

The language of the conference is English.

Important Dates

Deadline for abstract submission: **1 August 2023**

Notification of acceptance: **1 September 2023**

Conference dates: **16-18 November 2023**

A selection of peer-reviewed articles will be published in the conference proceeding

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