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# **Call for Papers**

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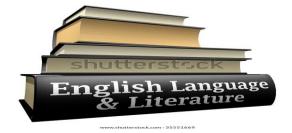
(Linguistics and Literature Research Unit) and

The PRFU (H02L01UN070120200001)
(Biskra University)

**Organize the First National Conference on** 

Language, Literature, and Culture
(NCLLC)

On March 7-8 th, 2023



### Rationale

Todd (1987) defined literature as "language at full stretch" (p.111). Stretch, here, refers to all the different practices of language by its users, and the common or even rare stylistic features of those users. Thus, a deep understanding of literature, especially the specific usages by writers and poets requires the mastery of the sentence's internal mechanisms and beyond. By the latter is meant the common culture shared through the use of that language. That is, one also needs to understand that literary works reflect, or rather convey the cultural heritage of nations to the future and put a light on the past (Serbes & Albay, 2017). In this same vein, Hall (1997) sees that culture is presented through language, which is a representational system including symbols and signs such as words, sounds, images, etc. that can be used by people to portray concepts, feelings, and ideas to other people (Cited in Alshammari, 2018).

As for the concept of culture, one might think that it is "an equivalent to higher things of the mind such as art, literature, music and painting. However, in the perspective of sociologist it goes beyond such activities.

Culture refers to the ways of life of the members of society, or of groups within a society" (Itulua-Abumere, 2013, p.13). In support of these ideas, Many studies have proved that interaction between children and stories assit in building their personalities. According to Spink (1989), " the stories we tell our children, the narratives we give them to make sense of cultural experience, constitute a kind of mapping, maps of meaning that enable our children to make sense of the world. They contribute to children's sense of identity, an identity that is simultaneously personal and social" (Cited in Marciott, 1998, p.9).

Recently, culture has placed itself in the center of literature. Culture has also become a single entity whose main parts are African, Middle Eastern, Asian, and European due to the modern literary studies (European comparative studies) need for change and globalization. Culture has then simply become the new vessel for modern literatures in both Europe and America (Hokenson, 2000).



In today's literature, "text" and "context" are inseparable because literature seems to be best grasped within or together with the historical events surrounding it. The context, which also includes the moments when people read and react to the text, legitimizes the production of the literary work. On the other hand, literature must not be conceived as words in isolation; words combine together in an immediate context (phrase or sentence) to convey a unified meaning. In other words, context is very crucial in both the composition and the re-production of text or intertextuality (Pope,2002, p.6).



Today, many university teachers of the foreign language find it difficult to combine between the need to develop their students' communicative competence and the importance of learning about literature and culture in the foreign language. The former requires teachers to rely more on listening and speaking activities for their classroom instruction; whereas, the latter leads, not only teachers but many other people to think of

developing new activities, materials, and syllabi and take \*Serbes, M & Albay, M. (2017). "Interaction advantage of research in the area of literature and culture instruction.

The conference seeks to sensitize teachers and students of the importance of including some knowledge of the foreign language's literature and culture in the processes of teaching and learning it. It also seeks to shed light on the pedagogical issues that (A.N. Jaffares, Ed). Beirut, Lebanon: Longman. may rise when teaching about the literatures and cultures in the foreign language. In a word, the conference primarily attempts to build a firm platform for students, teachers, and educators to benefit from such issues in enhancing the mastery of the foreign language.

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# **Themes of the Conference**

- Teaching of Literature
- Teaching of Culture
- Language and the Media
- Language and ICT
- Language, Culture and Translation
- Language and Ideology
- Language, Literature and Globalisation
- Multilingualism and Translation
- Political discourses in the different Literary Genres
- Other Topics that are related to the major theme of the conference will be accepted

#### **Submission Guidelines**

- \*Abstracts, not exceeding 350 words with a title of not more than 12 words should be addressed to ramdanemehiri@hotmail.fr
- \* Accommodation is not provided

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# **Important dates**

Abstract deadline: December 20th, 2022

Notification of acceptance: December 30th, 2022

Registration date: January 15th, 2023 Conference date: March 7-8 th, 2023

# Conference languages: English, French, and Arabic

