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1st National Environmental Humanities Conference: Perspectives from Morocco

The national conference, the first in a series, organized by the Space and Culture research team of the CEDUC lab (URL-CNRST) at the Faculty of Humanities in Mohammed I University in collaboration with the ACEC association, gathers scholars from Morocco to explore humanities perspectives on human and non-human issues.

MAY 12, 2022 | 9:00 AM

NIDAE SALAM, CONFERENCE ROOM

MAY 13, 2022 | 9:00 AM

LE CENTRE UNIVERSITAIRE DE LANGUES
ET COMMUNICATION, CONFERENCE ROOM



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

DAY 1

Thursday, May 12, 10:00–10:45 AM



DR. JEFF M. DIAMANTI

Professor of Environmental Humanities, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

Jeff Diamanti has contributed to a number of works on energy culture and is part of the University of Alberta's Petrocultures and Rice University's Center for Energy and Environmental Research in the Human Sciences (CENHS). Diamanti has edited a number of books and journal collections and his work appeared in many international journals. His new research, *Bloom Ecologies*, details the return to natural philosophy in the marine and atmospheric sciences. He co-directs the ASCA Political Ecologies Seminar with Joost de Bloois, and with Amanda Boetzkes, he co-organizes "At the Moraine," an ongoing research project on the political ecology of glacial retreat in the Arctic.

New Directions in Environmental Humanities Research: Agency, Energy, Alterity

This talk offers an overview of the key conceptual pivots around which environmental humanities research developed since the early 1990s to the present. I return to key debates and then summarize what I take to be the analytic achievements in the field—including ecopoetics, materialist feminism, energy humanities, and elemental analytics—and conclude by arguing that 21st century political ecologies have already been fundamentally reframed due to the interdisciplinary pressure and ambition of the environmental humanities.

DAY 2

Friday, May 13, 9:30–10:15 AM



DR. SAID MENTAK

Professor of English, Mohammed I University, Oujda, Morocco

Said Mentak was a visiting lecturer to The Jacksonville State University in Alabama, USA. He translated many books and published many articles on Islam, cultural studies, and postmodern culture. In 2015, he started a master's program in Green Cultural Studies and organized an international conference on Culture and Ecology in June 2018. He is still in charge of the master's program at the same University, where he has been teaching since 1988. He is supervising about seven doctoral dissertations on different aspects of environmental criticism and ecocritical pedagogy.

The Ecological Digital Humanities: Using Technology to Circulate Ecological Messages

With the emergence and expansion of digital platforms, which offer unlimited movements and different scales, ecological issues or images have reached wider audiences all over the world. Either in education or digital media, the ecological crises have become accessible to specialists and laypeople alike; more than that, such digital tools have improved human understanding and provided crowdsource information about water systems and reforestation, for instance. Also, with the emergence of digital platforms, it has become possible to alter humanities research on ecology into computational humanities and develop the potential of environmental texts into accessible online resources.

8:30-9:00 RECEPTION AND REGISTRATION

9:00-10:00 OPENING ADDRESS

Moderator: Dr. Omar Bsaiti

President of Mohammed I University
Dean of the Faculty of Humanities
Head of the Research Team (CEDUC Lab)
President of the ACEC Association

10:00-10:45 KEYNOTE SPEECH

Dr. Jeff M. Diamanti, "New Directions in Environmental Humanities Research: Agency, Energy, Alterity"

COFFEE BREAK

11:30-12:45 Panel one: Literature and the Environment

Moderator: Redouane El yousfi

Nasreddine EL Guezar, UMP FLSH, Reading the Anthropocene in Orson Scott Card's *Ender's Game*

Abdelbaset Boukhtam, UMP FLSH, African Literature and the Environment: Humans, Animal and Land in J.M Coetzee's *Life and Times of Michael K*

Khalid Abartal, UMP FLSH, Nature Through the Eyes of Epistemologies of the North and South

Brahim El Fida, UMP FLSH, Ravaged Souls and Territories in Salman Rushdie's *Shalimar the Clown*

LUNCH BREAK

14:30-15:30 Panel two: Ecological Psychology

Moderator: Hajar Bouknana

Rida Elarkoubi, UMP FLSH, Bridging an Unnecessary Gap: the Psycho-Therapeutic Value of Reconnecting Mind and Nature

Jaouad Achantah, UMP FLSH, Environmental Affect in David Malouf's *An Imaginary Life*

Abdelhafid Jabri, UMP FLSH, Environmental Epiphany in Barbara Kingsolver's *Flight Behaviour*

COFFEE BREAK

16:00-17:15 Panel three: Trans/Posthumanism

Moderator: Jaouad Achantah

Omar El Otmani, UMP FLSH, Wiring Myths with Facts: Speculating about Posthuman Species in Margaret Atwood's Trilogy

Mohamed El Bakal, FLSHBM USMS, Ecological Collapse, Extinction and Survival in the Post-apocalyptic Wasteland of *Mad Max*

Tariq Ej-Jabbar, FLSHBM USMS, Humanity's Quest for Transcendence in the Transhuman Age - the Cases of *Blade Runner 2049* and *Elysium*

Malika Afilal, FLSHA UIZ, The Materiality of the Body: 'Trans-corporeality' and the 'Body Without Organs' in Dali Salvador's Painting: A Diffractive Reading

17:15-18:00 Panel four: Religion and Ecology

Moderator: Fatima Zohra Boutahar

Abdelaziz Dqaqi, UMP FLSH, Environmentalism between Lynn White, Jr and Seyyed Hossein Nasr: Ecotheology at the Crossroads

Ilyass Chatouani, UMP FLSH, The Sacred Environment: Facts and Myths

9:00-9:30 RECEPTION AND REGISTRATION

9:30-10:15 KEYNOTE SPEECH

Dr. Said Mentak, "The Ecological Digital Humanities: Using Technology to Circulate Ecological Messages"

10:15-11:15 *Panel five: Science and Humanities*

Moderator: Omar El Otmani

Redouane El yousfi, UMP FLSH, Promises and Dangers of Science in the Age of the Anthropocene

Mohamed Louza, UMP FLSH, Narrative Scholarship for Ecocriticism: A Reading of Rachel Carson's "A Fable for Tomorrow"

Taoufik Amri, UMP FLSH, Rethinking Environment: Educators in Humanities Communicating the Inextricably Linked Perspectives in Humanities and Science

COFFEE BREAK

11:30-12:30 *Panel six: Ecopedagogy*

Moderator: Hajar Taha

Hajar Bouknana, UMP FLSH, Greening Schools through Ecopedagogy

Nassira Kada, UMP FLSH, The Role of the School in Highlighting Planetary Issues

Lamia Karimi, UMP FLSH, The Importance of Teaching Environmental Humanities in Higher Education: School of Agronomy and Veterinary Sciences, Rabat, Morocco as a Case Study.

LUNCH BREAK

15:30-17:00 *Panel seven: Ecofeminism*

Moderator: Douâe Serraf

Fatima Zohra Boutahar, UMP FLSH, An Introduction to Ecological Feminism

Kaoutar Agoub, UMP FLSH, Women and Nature: An Ecofeminist Reading of Margaret Atwood's *Oryx and Crake*

Abdelkader Bouhmida, UMP FLSH, The Feminist Deep Ecology of Barbara Kingsolver's *Animal Dreams* and *Prodigal Summer*

Fatima Zahra Dziri, UMP FLSH, An Ecofeminist Study of Sarah Orne Jewett's *The Country of the Pointed Firs*

COFFEE BREAK

17:15-18:15 *Panel eight: Intersectionality and Environment*

Moderator: Nasreddine EL Guezar

Hajar Taha, UMP FLSH, Moroccan Women, Agricultural Production and Food Security: An Ecofeminist Perspective

Afaf Charef, UMP FLSH, Environmental Justice and Intersectionality: Deconstructing the Overlapping Oppressive Forms for a Fairer World

Douâe Serraf, UMP FLSH, Environmental Intersectionality: Working Towards United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals

18:15-18:30 CLOSING AND CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTIONS

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