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Present
A National Hybrid Conference
on

Decolonial Voices:

Colonial Legacies and Resistance in Algerian Writing

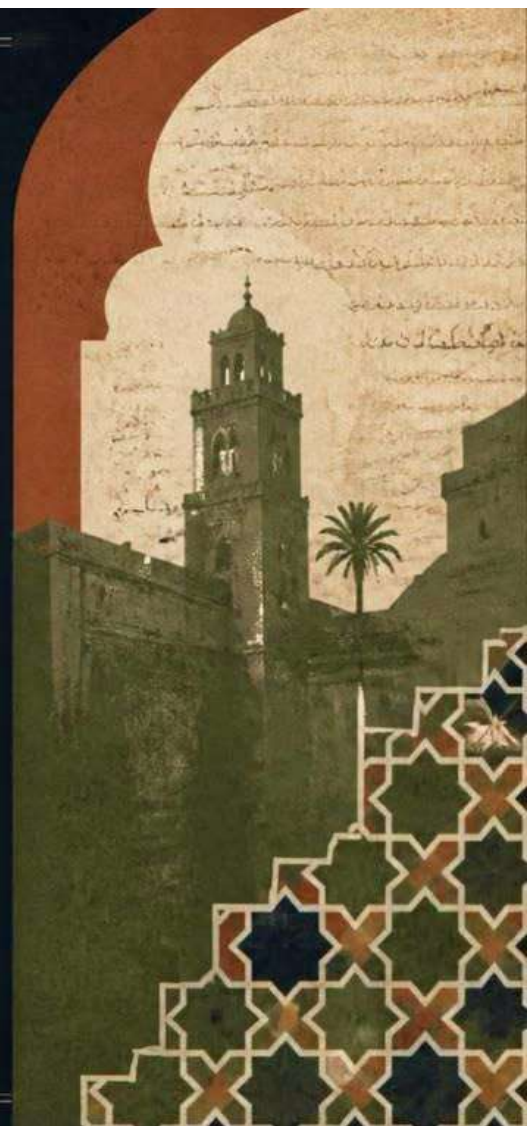


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Conference Date: 07/12/2026 | **Venue:** Ceil Building, Tlemcen University





Rationale

Algerian writing is inseparable from the history of colonisation and the struggle against it. From the cultural disruptions of the nineteenth century to the War of Independence (1954-1962), and through the contested decades of nation-building that followed, Algerian authors writing in Arabic, French, Tamazight, English and their hybrid forms have documented, interrogated and resisted colonial power. They have also reimagined what it means to speak, remember and belong after empire.

Since Frantz Fanon and Edward Said, decolonial thought has widened its scope. It now asks not only how colonial domination operated, but how its epistemic, linguistic, spatial and psychic legacies persist in institutions, canons, languages and imaginaries. Algerian literature offers a rich field for these questions. It runs from Kateb Yacine's 'poetic' rebellion, Mohammed Dib's and Mouloud Feraoun's chronicles of colonial life, and Assia Djebar's recovery of women's silenced voices, to the work of Tahar Djaout, Waciny Laredj, Yasmina Khadra and many emerging writers.

This conference invites scholars to examine how Algerian writing records colonial violence, contests dominant narratives, and articulates alternative, plural and decolonial ways of knowing. It welcomes critical reflection on the unfinished project of decolonisation, including the politics of language, memory, gender, identity, and the place of Algerian voices in global debates.



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Suggested Tracks

Contributions may address, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- 1 Colonial legacies and literary memory: trauma, testimony, the War of Independence, and the politics of remembering.
- 2 Language and decolonisation: Arabic, French, Tamazight, Darija, English and translingual writing; linguistic ownership and the 'language of the other'.
- 3 Resistance poetics: orality, folklore, poetry and the narrative strategies of anti-colonial writing.
- 4 Gender and decolonial voices: women's writing, feminist critique.
- 5 Archives, history and counter-narratives: rewriting colonial historiography through fiction, autobiography and memoir.
- 6 Space, land and identity: the colonial city, the desert, exile, diaspora and migration.

Submission Guidelines

Proposals should include:

- ◆ Title of the paper
- ◆ Abstract of 250-300 words, outlining the research question, theoretical framework, corpus, and main arguments.
- ◆ Five keywords

Deadline for abstract submission: **November 10, 2026**

Conference Date: **December 07, 2026**



Submissions are accepted via the following link:

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