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Teaching English for Specific Purposes Team & PRFU research team (PRFU: H02L01UN130120230002) under the supervision of SILAD Laboratory and in collaboration with the English Department organize:

The Second Hybrid National Conference on:

EMI &CLIL in Higher Education: Challenges, Practices and Implications for ESP 10/06/25 postponed to 25/09/25 (2nd Edition)

Venue: English Department

Conference Presidents:

Prof. Wassila GRAIA-BOUKLIKHA & Prof. Hafida HAMZAOUI EL ACHACHI

Scope of the Conference

English has become an international language and teaching English as a foreign language (EFL) has become more and more demanded. The use of English to teach content subjects has been a rising movement in many parts of the world. It is categorized in different approaches, such as Content-Based Learning (CBL), Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL), bilingual education and English-Medium Instruction (EMI). Recently, Algerian higher education has witnessed a significant reform movement in which English is implemented as a medium of instruction and as this implementation quickly spreads further and further, it is high time researchers, experts, practitioners, and particularly teachers gathered to share their experiences and studies concerning this new strategy. As reported by Macaro, Curle, Pun, An, and Dearden (2018), EMI has become an increasingly prominent global trend, especially in higher education. A growing number of institutions are developing programs delivered in English, driven by diverse and context-specific motivations. In Algeria, the Ministry of Higher Education aims to strengthen tertiary education by integrating EMI. This approach reflects recognition that adopting English as a medium of instruction can support the internationalization of higher education, enhance the quality of academic programs, and improve studentsø communication skills. In fact, English Medium Instruction refers to the use of the English language to teach academic subjects (other than English itself) in countries where the first language is not English and Algeria is one of them. EMI is being implemented via governmental policies, sometimes with little attention to the educational implications that learning can have for the millions of students affected.

In parallel with the rise of EML, he Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) approach has also gained ground. CLIL combines subject content with language learning, allowing students to develop both academic knowledge and language proficiency simultaneously. While both EMI and CLIL contribute positively to studentsø communicative competence and global readiness, their growing implementation may marginalize English for Specific Purposes (ESP) courses, potentially leading to a decline in their relevance and presence within the curriculum.

Objectives of the Conference

This national conference aims to explore the effects of EMI on language learning, content learning, teaching delivery, quality of education, inequalities of access, language flexibility, the competencies needed to be a successful EMI teacher, and other aspects of EMI. It serves as the best venue for addressing the theories that support EMI, the pedagogies and approaches implemented, the practices observed, and the challenges, positive or negative, that both teachers and learners have experienced. It seeks also to highlight the potential of ESP to prepare students in EMI and CLIL, support academic disciplinary skills and promote intercultural communication.

Hence, this academic event is the second edition of the national conference on õEMI &CLIL in Higher Education: Challenges, Practices and Implications for ESPö, organized by Teaching English for Specific Purposes Team & PRFU research team (PRFU: H02L01UN130120230002) under the supervision of SILAD Laboratory and in collaboration

with the English Department (Tlemcen University). This second edition will principally concentrate (without being limited to) on the following themes:

Topics of the Conference

- 1. English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI)
- 2. Bilingual Education
- 3. Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)
- 4. Second Language Acquisition: Theoretical Underpinnings of EMI and CLIL
- 5. Corpus Linguistics
- 6. Teaching ESP from a Sociolinguistic Perspectives
- 7. ESP & Cultural Considerations
- 8. Teacher Education and Professional Development for EMI and CLIL Implementation
- 9. Translation and Interpretation in EMI
- 10. Needs Analysis & Materials Selection
- 11. English for Specific Purposes
- 12. Arabic Language/Mother Tongue (
- 13. Technology-based English Instruction & EMI
- 14. Collaboration between Content Teacher & Language Teacher

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