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Call for papers

A study day organised by the Moroccan Public Diplomacy Center on:

« **Luso-Moroccan relations: past, present and future** »

October 2023 - Rabat (Morocco)

Committed to its mission to advance and enrich the study and practice of public diplomacy in Morocco through research, training and community engagement, the Moroccan Public Diplomacy Center (MPDC) is organising in October 2023 (the official date will be announced later) in Rabat, a study day on : « **Luso-Moroccan relations: past, present and future** » in partnership with the Ibero-American Institute of Legal Studies (IBEROJUR) created in 2014 in Porto, Portugal, and aims to federate the legal-scientific community of Lusophone researchers in Europe.

Portugal and Morocco have a long history of exchanges due to their geographical proximity. The two countries, located on the western borders of Europe and North Africa, have developed similar social, economic, political and cultural characteristics over time. The influence of the Sherifian Empire of Morocco on Portugal in the Middle Ages and the presence of the Portuguese Empire on the Moroccan coasts have left a rich cultural heritage in many regions of both countries. Nowadays, the links between the two countries continue to strengthen through cooperation agreements and exchanges in various fields such as investment, education, culture and tourism.

This study day is an opportunity for:

1. Highlighting the richness of the common cultural heritage;
2. Shedding light on the state of Luso-Moroccan relations and celebrating the win-win cooperation between the two countries;
3. Enhancing mutual understanding and friendship between Morocco and Portugal for the benefit of both nations;
4. Stimulating debate on the common history of Morocco and Portugal, the progress of current bilateral relations and the multidimensional and diversified strategic cooperation between the two countries, as well as the future of Luso-Moroccan relations based on peace, cooperation, prosperity and sustainable development.

Therefore, all proposals for papers dealing with subjects related to the following topics will be welcomed:

→ **Luso-Moroccan cultural heritage:**

Morocco and Portugal have a rich history of cultural exchanges dating back to the Middle Ages, due to their geographical proximity and historical links. The common Luso-Moroccan cultural heritage is the result of historical, artistic and social interactions between the two countries. It demonstrates the richness of this relationship and the reciprocal influence between the two cultures. Aspects of Luso-Moroccan cultural heritage may include :

- Architectural heritage;
- Luso-Moroccan cuisine and gastronomy;
- Artistic interactions and musical exchanges;
- Linguistic influences.

→ **Current stakes in strategic cooperation between Morocco and Portugal:**

Strategic cooperation between Morocco and Portugal is an essential element of bilateral relations between the two countries. In this sense, they have developed close cooperation in various fields, covering the economy, security, culture and politics. This cooperation is based on a solid historical relationship and aims to strengthen common interests, foster economic growth and promote regional stability. Here are some of the key issues to be considered:

- Economic, commercial and tourism issues;
- Energy and infrastructure issues;
- Security and counter-terrorism issues;
- Migration and mobility issues;
- Issues related to research, innovation and academic cooperation.

→ **Prospects of Luso-Moroccan relations:**

The future of Luso-Moroccan relations holds many opportunities for developing and strengthening ties between the two countries. An enhanced cooperation will not only benefit both countries, but will also contribute to regional stability and prosperity. Here are some key points to be considered:

- The future of economic relations between Morocco and Portugal;
- Cooperation in the renewable energy sector;
- Collaboration in research and innovation;
- Prospects of mobility as well as academic and cultural exchanges;
- The bid to host the World Cup by Morocco, Portugal and Spain..

Papers can be submitted in Arabic, English or French. The best papers will be published on the Moroccan Public Diplomacy Center website (www.mpdcc.ma).

Submission procedure :

Proposals for papers are to be sent to the following e-mail address:
moroccanpublicdiplomacycenter@gmail.com

Authors are invited to submit a topic proposal in Arabic, English or French between **July 15th and August 15th 2023**.

Selected authors will be invited to send their CV and a summary of their paper between **16th and 31st August 2023**. The full text, not exceeding 5 pages containing a maximum of five key words, should be written according to the following format:

- A4 format
- Margins (top, bottom, left, right): 2.5cm
- Font: Times New Roman (12 points), 1.5 line spacing and justify.

All proposals should include a presentation page. It is not included in the maximum number of pages. It should include:

- The paper's title (Times 16 bold).
- The name(s) of the author(s) (Times 12 bold).
- Affiliations and addresses (Times 12).
- The e-mail address (Times 12).

N.B.

- Any necessary notes should be footnoted
- Bibliographical references should be in alphabetical order of authors.
- The appendices.

The Scientific Committee will communicate the final decision to the authors by **September 5th 2023** at the latest.

For any further information, please contact us via email at:
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