



***Summer School SAA 2023, 6<sup>th</sup> edition***

***Cultural Encounters:***

***European Travellers in Morocco and Moroccan Travellers in Europe***

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The course taught by Prof. Khalid Bekkaoui, Coordinator of the Master in Cultural Studies: Cultures, Identities and Nationhood and Professor of Cultural Studies at the University Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah (Fes, Morocco), is divided in two modules:

- *European travellers in Morocco.*
- *Moroccan travellers in Europe.*

The first part, *European travellers in Morocco*, studies the representation of Otherness in a selection of extracts from European travelogues (French, Dutch, English, and Italian) to Morocco, while the second part, *Moroccan travellers in Europe*, focuses on the images of Europe in the accounts of Moroccan travelers. The overall aim of the course is to make students aware of the complexity and heterogeneity of cultural representation in the discourse of travel.

The learning outcomes of the course are to provide students with an understanding of Orientalism and Occidentalism; to enable students to critically analyze European images and tropes of Morocco and the Moroccans' representation of Europe; to help students understand the ways the historical context and politics affect the imaging of foreign countries; to initiate students into approaching the texts and issues from multiple perspectives, with special concern for how cultural assumptions, ideology, religion, and gender inform the construction of the Self and the Other.

The course (20 hours, 3 CFU/ECTS) will be taught entirely in English. Subject to a minimum attendance of 80% and passing the final examination, the activity may be credited for 3 CFU/ECTS.