



## **Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of Tunis**

**The department of English organizes a**

### **Study Day**

**on**

# **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY FOR ENGLISH STUDIES**

Research in English Studies encompasses different methodologies tailored to the subfields of literature, linguistics, and culture studies, each with distinct yet interconnected orientations. Literary research often emphasizes textual analysis through close readings to disclose various themes, stylistic features, and aspects of meaning. With contextual approaches to the study of literary texts research often employs theoretical, historical or cultural frameworks while drawing on critical paradigms such as feminism or Marxism to reach accurate text interpretations. Linguistic research, on the other hand, adopts both descriptive approaches and empirical methods such as fieldwork and corpus studies to the analysis of language. The combination of both paradigms serves to provide data-driven insights into language as a system and language in use. Additionally, applied linguistics addresses real-world issues, such as language teaching and learning, or language policy, often through interdisciplinary methodological approaches. With its foundation in critical theory, culture studies seek to scrutinize history, cultural practices, ideologies, and power structures through the analysis of popular culture, media, and the dynamics of globalization and cultural hybridity. Together, these orientations showcase the interdisciplinarity of English Studies. Within this vein, researchers have access to flexible frameworks to critically engage with the study of literary and non-literary texts, and culture, in addition to language-based issues like learning and assessment.

The Department of English invites Master's students and early-career researchers to participate in a Study Day on Research Methodology for English Studies. The event aims at exploring, explaining, and enhancing research practices in this interdisciplinary field. We warmly invite abstracts for **20-minute**

**presentations** that explore topics related to the diverse methodologies within English Studies. Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Textual literary analysis
- Applications of critical theories (e.g., feminism, post-colonialism, Marxism) in textual interpretation
- Empirical and theoretical approaches to linguistics
- Data collection and analysis for applied linguistics
- Exploring cultural practices and ideologies in popular culture and media
- Analyzing visual images versus discourse

### **Event Details**

- **Date:** 27 February 2025
- **Abstract submission deadline for a presentation session :** 12 February 2025 at midnight.
- **Notifications:** 16 February 2025
- **Venue:** Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of Tunis. Room Salah Guermadi
- **Contact:** Contact the Study Day chair Dr. Asma Maaoui at [asma.maaoui@fshst.rnu.tn](mailto:asma.maaoui@fshst.rnu.tn)

### **Registration**

Please register via this link by 20 February 2025.

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