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SUMMARY

Enthusiastic and dedicated researcher in linguistics, with a strong background in theoretical and applied linguistics and a primary focus on phonology and morphology. I hold a Master's degree in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics and a Bachelor's degree in English Studies, combining rigorous academic training with teaching experience. My research interests center on the phonology–morphology interface, including morphological exponence, syncretism, and constraint-based approaches such as Optimality Theory, with particular attention to Moroccan Arabic. I possess moderate skills in formal linguistic analysis and in qualitative and quantitative research methods, and I am committed to doctoral research and advancing theoretical work in phonology and morphology.

COMPETENCIES AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Enseignement des langues
- Analyse statistique (SPSS)
- Analyse de données qualitatives (NVivo)
- Rédaction académique et recherche
- Analyse linguistique
- Logiciel de tableur (Microsoft Excel)
- Conception de présentations
- Élaboration de curriculums

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professional Experience- Adjunct English Instructor

Janvier 2025 – Présent

Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences (FLSH), Mohammed V University, Rabat

- Taught English communication courses to undergraduate and graduate students, particularly in the French and Sociology departments.
- Designed and delivered interactive teaching sessions that promoted student engagement and active participation.

English Communication Instructor – Broadway Institute, Rabat (Hay Riad)

April 2024 – December 2024

- Contributed to curriculum development and the implementation of assessment methods.
- Prepared and taught communication courses tailored to various proficiency levels: Beginner, Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate, and Upper-Intermediate.
- Supported students in preparing for English certification exams, including TOEFL and TESOL.
- Conducted English as a Foreign Language (EFL) classes both in-person and online, emphasizing interaction and language development.

EDUCATION

Doctoral Candidate in Linguistics, specializing in Morphology and Phonology. September 2024 – 2028

→ *Mohammed V University, Rabat – Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences (FLSH)*

- *Enrolled in the Doctoral Program: Literature, Linguistics, and Cultural Studies*
- *Affiliated with the Center for Doctoral Studies: Man and Space in the Mediterranean World*

→ *In Cotutelle with Paris 8 University, France*

- *Center for Doctoral Studies: Cognition, Language, Interaction*
- *Doctoral Program: Sciences du langage*
- *Research Unit: Structure Formelle du Langage (SFL, UMR 7023 CNRS – Paris 8 University)*

Master's in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics – Mohammed V University, Rabat (FLSH)."

September 2022 - Sep 2024

- Completed advanced coursework and research in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics.
- Focused on contributing to the field through rigorous linguistic analysis and scholarly research.

Licence en études anglaises – spécialisation en linguistique – UM5R, FLSH. September 2019 – July 2022

- Focused on English language and linguistics.
- Participated in academic projects and seminars to deepen disciplinary expertise.

RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

→ Publications

- Zaaraoui, A. (2024). Impact of academic foreign language learning on the linguistic attitudes of UM5 English department students. *International Journal of Arabic Linguistics*, 10(02), 126–141.
- Zaaraoui, A., & Sellami, H. (2025). Bridging gaps in English learning: Moroccan EFL learners' acceptance and use of Rosetta Stone. Presented at the Fifth Doctoral Symposium on Applied Language, Culture & Translation Studies: Navigating Contemporary Challenges and Emerging Trends. Forthcoming in the conference proceedings, 2025.
- Zaaraoui, A., & Sellami, H. (2025). Issues in Multiple Exponence in the Morphology of Tashlhit and Moroccan Arabic. In A. Korangy & K. Bensoukas (Eds.) (in Press). Springer. (Springer Handbooks in Languages and Linguistics - SHLL)

→ Conference & Workshop Presentations

- Zaaraoui, A. (2025, December 18–19). Syncretism and feature neutralization in Moroccan Arabic: A realizational OT account [Conference presentation]. International Conference on Phonology and Its Interfaces, Faculty of Languages, Letters and Arts, Ibn Tofail University, Kenitra, Morocco.
- Zaaraoui, A. (2025, October 29). Multiple exponence in the morphology of Tashlhit and Moroccan Arabic [Online workshop presentation]. Atelier de Phonologie, CNRS / Université Paris 8, France.
- Zaaraoui, A. (2025, May 29–30). Determinants of EFL learners' behavioral intentions to use Rosetta Stone: A case study from Moroccan higher education [Conference presentation]. The International Conference on the Power of Communication, Media Translation and Education for Global Engagement, Applied Communication in Context Laboratory, Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences of Oujda, Mohammed First University, Oujda, Morocco.
- Zaaraoui, A. (2025, May 21–22). Bridging gaps in English learning: Moroccan EFL learners' acceptance and use of Rosetta Stone [Conference presentation]. Fifth National Doctoral Symposium, Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences, Chouaib Doukkali University, El Jadida, Morocco.
- Zaaraoui, A. (2025, May 15–16). Issues in syncretism in the morphological system of Moroccan Arabic: An optimality-theoretical analysis [Conference presentation]. The Second International Research Conference of Doctoral Researchers in the Field of Languages, Literature, and the Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences, Mohammed V University, Rabat, Morocco