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**An International Conference on:**

# Disability situation: affective aspects and intimate relationships



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Despite the great evolution that the reality of disability has known, in the world, at the level of legislation and laws, we note that the affective aspects and the intimate relationships of people with disabilities are rarely mentioned. It is a “taboo” subject that is often overlooked. Faced with the exclusionary social representations that surround these individuals, associating them with powerlessness and lack, attention is rarely paid to their emotional needs or their right to establish intimate relationships, namely marriage and sexual relations. Indeed, people with disabilities, and in particular intellectual disabilities and autism, are often considered as non-sexual beings, having no right to reproduction or marriage on the pretext that they lack abilities and skills required. And if ever socio-cultural and professional representations address these dimensions and try to seek a kind of “recognition” of the sexual desire of autistic people and people with mental disabilities, they are often seen from a deviant or even pathological angle.

In contrast to this marginalization of what is affective, emotional, intimate and sexual, studies as well as reports from world organizations highlight the existence of shocking rates of sexual exploitation and abuse against people with disabilities: first, autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disabilities and mental disability. The latter are confronted with danger because of their various factors of fragility which characterize them. This situation calls into question the role of the psychological approach, the social approach and the judicial approach, both in the prevention and protection of this category of sexual abuse, and in the intervention with a view to mitigating the various repercussions of this type of violence.



In addition, another more urgent question arises, that of sex education for people with disabilities. Like any other individual, they have every right to an emotional life, to sexual education, to the enjoyment of sexual rights, to sexual health and to sexual and emotional development. If the various programs and institutions take care to ensure the inclusive education and social reintegration of people with disabilities, it is necessary that the sexual and affective dimensions receive the attention they deserve, given that these dimensions are not limited not to sexual activity as a natural biological activity, but rather extend to sexual identity, sexual orientation, roles, gender relations, arousal, pleasure, fantasies, beliefs, values... Consequently, the right to sex education for the benefit of people with disabilities is of major importance because it will constitute on the one hand a preventive role of exposure to sexual exploitation and on the other hand an instructive role favoring their social integration.

As part of the emphasis on the reality of the affective and intimate life of people with disabilities, there is also the question of the situation of women, who suffer from exclusion, violence and double marginalization at all levels. This raises the need to identify the role of social and cultural representations, as well as legislative laws related to the emotional and sexual aspects of people with disabilities in general, and women in particular.

Faced with these findings, the Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences – Dhar Elmaharaz, Fes and its partners invite various researchers in the human, social and health sciences, inside and outside Morocco, to take part in this international conference by helping to highlight the emotional, intimate and sexual life of people with disabilities along the following lines :

1. The affective, sexual and intimate life of people with disabilities:
  - A. From the biological approach to the psychosocial approach.
  - B. Legal approach.
  - C. Religious point of view.
2. Persons with disabilities and sexual abuse.
3. Psycho-sexual development and sex education: theories and programs.
4. Medical, psychological and social care of the intimate sexual problems of people with disabilities.



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### Important dates :



**Abstract submission deadline:** 25 Novembre 2022 ;

**Conference date:** 22 décembre 2022.

### Things to consider :

Communications can be in Arabic, French and English.

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