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Quick Facts

- The lecture will be held at 11 a.m. March 9 at Plowden Auditorium in Withers/W.T.S. Building.
- The particular case of Amazigh will be used as a backdrop for explaining how many other languages are now endangered as a result of globalization.



Yamina El Kirat

ROCK HILL, S.C. - A specialist in Arab and Muslim relations from Morocco, **Dr. Yamina El Kirat** will discuss March 9 at Winthrop University how the **Amazigh language** is becoming endangered in northern Africa due to cultural stigmatization, economic opportunity and lack of community support.

The lecture will be held at 11 a.m. March 9 at Plowden Auditorium in **Withers/W.T.S. Building**. The particular case of Amazigh will be used as a backdrop for explaining how many other languages are now endangered as a result of globalization.

Kirat comes to Winthrop from Greenville Technical College where she is visiting on a Fulbright scholarship from early February to mid-March 2010. She has extensive experience in teaching at the university level and has had great involvement in research at the national and international levels, which have endowed her with a rich background about the history, literature and culture of the Muslim and Arab world.

Kirat holds both a Ph.D. and Masters degree from the University Mohammed V-Agdal in Rabat, Morocco where she has served as chair of the Department of English at the Faculty of Letters.

The lecture is sponsored by the **International Center**, International Studies Minor and **Department of Modern Languages**. For more information, contact Angie Edwards at edwardsa@winthrop.edu or 803/323-2604.

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