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TRANSLATION IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD: ANALYZING PROBLEMS AND PROPOSING SOLUTIONS

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Abstract. *Globalization has heightened the demand for accurate and culturally sensitive translation across literature, diplomacy, business, and media. However, translation remains fraught with challenges such as linguistic ambiguity, cultural misinterpretation, and ethical dilemmas. This article examines these challenges while proposing solutions rooted in technological innovation, interdisciplinary collaboration, and professional training. Drawing on case studies and theoretical frameworks, the study argues that bridging linguistic and cultural gaps requires a balanced approach combining advanced tools like artificial intelligence (AI) with human expertise. Recommendations include standardized ethical guidelines, cross-cultural training programs, and hybrid human-machine systems to enhance translation quality. The findings emphasize the need for a globalized yet context-sensitive translation paradigm.*

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Introduction. In an era of interconnected economies, digital communication, and cross-cultural exchanges, translation serves as a cornerstone of global understanding. Yet, transferring meaning across languages and cultures is inherently complex. While translators strive for fidelity, they often confront issues such as idiomatic untranslatability, cultural insensitivity, and technological limitations. This article analyses these challenges within the context of globalization and proposes actionable solutions to improve translation efficacy. By integrating insights from linguistics, cultural studies, and technology, the study aims to contribute to a more nuanced and equitable translation practice

1. Challenges in Translation A. Linguistic and Cultural Barriers

Linguistic and cultural differences often lead to ambiguity and misinterpretation. For instance, idioms such as “*break a leg*” (English) or “*вешать лапшу на уши*” (Russian, meaning “*to hang noodles on ears*” —i.e., to deceive) lack direct equivalents in other languages, forcing translators to resort to paraphrasing (Venuti, 1995). Similarly, cultural references tied to specific histories or traditions—such as the concept of *Ubuntu* (a South African philosophy emphasizing communal harmony)—may lose their significance in translation (Bassnett, 1991). Venuti (1995) critiques the “*domestication*” trend in translation, where foreign texts are adapted to fit target cultures, eroding their original cultural specificity.



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B. Ethical and Political Dilemmas

Translation is not neutral; it is shaped by power dynamics and ethical considerations. Colonial histories, for example, have influenced translations of non-Western texts, often imposing Eurocentric biases (Kalantzis & Cope, 1998). Political censorship can also distort translations to serve ideological agendas. During the Cold War, Soviet-era translations of Western literature frequently omitted passages critical of communist regimes (Schäffner & Gerin, 2015).

C. Technological Limitations

While machine translation (MT) tools like Google Translate and DeepL have improved efficiency, they struggle with context-dependent meanings. O'Hagan (2016) notes that MT systems often fail to capture idioms, sarcasm, or stylistic nuances, leading to errors in legal or literary texts. For example, translating the poetic metaphor *"the sky is a blanket"* may result in literal interpretations that lose the intended imagery (Buckingham, 2013).

2. Proposed Solutions

A. Technological Innovation

Hybrid systems combining AI with human oversight offer a promising solution. Post-editing by professional translators can refine AI-generated drafts, balancing speed and accuracy (Reiter, 2018). Recent advancements in natural language processing (NLP) enable tools to analyse culturally specific corpora, improving the handling of idioms (e.g., DeepL's contextual translation of *"kick the bucket"* as *"sterben"* in German, rather than a literal translation).

B. Interdisciplinary Training

Translator training programs must integrate cultural competency and technical skills. The European Master's in Translation (EMT) curriculum exemplifies this approach, blending language skills with courses on sociocultural context and computer-assisted translation (CAT) tools (European Commission, 2021). Nord's Skopos theory (1997) emphasizes defining the translation's purpose (e.g., informing vs. persuading) to adapt strategies appropriately.

C. Ethical Guidelines and Standards

Organizations like the International Federation of Translators (FIT) advocate for ethical practices, such as transparency in editorial decisions and resistance to censorship (FIT, 2022). The American Translators Association's (ATA) Code of Ethics mandates confidentiality, accuracy, and impartiality (ATA, n.d.).

Case Studies



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Literary Translation: The translation of *One Hundred Years of Solitude* into Mandarin required extensive annotations to explain magical realism to Chinese readers unfamiliar with Latin American folklore (*One Hundred Years of Solitude in Mandarin*, 2019). This highlights the importance of supplementary cultural context.

Community-Based Translation: UNESCO's initiatives with Indigenous communities demonstrate how involving native speakers ensures accuracy and empowers marginalized groups. For example, the Māori language revitalization project in New Zealand used collaborative translation to preserve cultural knowledge (UNESCO, 2020).

Conclusion. Translation in a globalized world demands more than linguistic proficiency—it requires cultural empathy, technological adaptability, and ethical rigor. While challenges like lexical gaps and cultural misinterpretations persist, solutions such as hybrid human-AI systems, interdisciplinary training, and ethical frameworks offer pathways to overcome them. Future research should focus on measuring the long-term impact of these solutions and fostering inclusive, equitable translation practices that honour both source and target cultures. As globalization deepens, the role of translation in fostering mutual understanding cannot be overstated.

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