Call for papers

Translating Chinese: New Frontiers in Translation and Interpreting

Studies (TIS)

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We are seeking contributions to a peer-reviewed edited book focusing on new frontiers in

Chinese Translation and Interpreting Studies (TIS).

The book is a collection of essays on translating and interpreting various types of text (literary,

religious, political, etc.) into and from Chinese. The focus is on the interdisciplinarity of TIS,

including but not limited to how such translations have been produced and propagated from

ancient to modern times, their sociocultural impact on the evolution of Chinese history and

Chinese TIS, as well as new research methodologies applied to TIS in Sinophone areas. This

volume sets out to explore interdisciplinarity issues in Chinese TIS research.

Over the past decade, interdisciplinarity has enjoyed a boom in Western academic research,

especially in TIS; researchers have availed themselves of concepts and theories developed in

other disciplines, such as psychology, the cognitive sciences, journalism, and literary studies,

to examine their object of study. Numerous Western monographs demonstrate that translation

and interpreting process research borrows heavily from other disciplines.

Therefore, it seems opportune and timely to analyze the status quo concerning the most

relevant questions on TIS in the Greater Chinese Area by using a wise mix of Western and

Chinese approaches. Contributors are expected to be well-known scholars from Mainland

China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore, but also from Western universities. An

international, dynamic, and interdisciplinary exploration of matters related to Chinese TIS

will provide valuable insight for anyone who wishes to have a better understanding of the new

frontiers on Chinese translation and interpreting research.

During the past decade, both translation and interpreting have become interdisciplinary

through increased collaboration, synergy, and mutual advancement. For this purpose, we

especially welcome contributions, based on different research methodologies (qualitative, quantitative, corpus-based, etc.), including, but not limited to, the following aspects:

- Translation and interpreting research methodology;
- Expertise;
- Training;
- Assessment and evaluation;
- Translation and interpreting history from a contrastive perspective;
- Corpus studies on TIS;
- Eye-tracking;
- TIS and neurolinguistics;
- Cognitive aspects of Chinese translation;
- Simultaneous interpreting;
- Strategies and teachability of Chinese translation and interpreting;
- Figurative speech and formulaic language; etc.

Once we have a set of confirmed authors, we will make a formal proposal to editors (Routledge, John Benjamins, Springer, Peter Lang). Please submit your proposals, including a 300-word abstract, to the following address:

cfpchinese2020@gmail.com

You will receive notifications of acceptance of abstracts on or before May 15, 2020. If your proposal is accepted, you will be requested to submit a complete essay (approximately 15,000-20,000 words) by the end of July, 2020. Papers must be original and should not be previously published or simultaneously reviewed elsewhere for publication. All manuscripts will be subject to a blind peer-review process before they are accepted for publication. More details on the paper submission process will be provided once your proposal has been accepted. For any further inquiries, please contact the editorial team at cfpchinese2020@gmail.com

Key deadlines are as follows:

- Abstract submission: April 30, 2020

- Initial confirmation with a title/abstract: May 15, 2020

- Proposal to editors: June 1, 2019

- Expected first draft paper due to the editors: July, 2020

(approximately 15,000-20,000 words.)

- Expected publication date: December, 2020

Submission language: English

We look forward to your participation in this project.

Kind regards,

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