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Translation and Time: Exploring the Temporal Dimension of Cross-cultural Transfer

Presentation Details

Title of Paper: The Temporal Dynamics of Translation—How Time and Space Reconfigure Relationships with the Past and Future

Abstract:

Time and space are heavily interdependent aspects of temporality, and the way they are woven together signals the moral import of a narrative. At the same time, concrete human time and physical space obstruct or provide access to specific resources for narrating the world and may offer opportunities that are unique to a given historical or geographical setting, with implications for translation. Drawing on concrete examples of various modes and genres of translation and adopting a socio-narrative perspective on temporality, this presentation will examine some of the ways in which temporal and spatial location impacts translators' chances of success in communicating unfolding meanings within a fast paced environment, as well as their ability to shape aspects of the future as they wish to envision it.

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