Details on Project: Space and Chronology

Focus Area

OTHER

Particulars of Applicant

Project Leader	Dr Jackie (JS) Du Toit
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Proposal Details

Title	Space and Chronology
Description	This project considers the interchange between space and chronology in the study of the Hebrew Bible. This includes matters related to sacred space; Hebrew grammar; historiography; archaeology and the like.
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	Published volume: Du Toit & Naudé invited to edit a supplement of the peer review journal, Acta Theologica for 2008. This supplement will publish submissions from a session that I co-chaired at the 2nd IATIS conference in Cape Town (SA) in July 2006, entitled: "The bible and its translations: colonial encounters with the indigenous."
Funding	None

Members

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Details on Project: EtsaTrans Multilingual Project

Focus Area

OTHER

Particulars of Applicant

Project Leader	Me Leandra (L) Ehlers
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Title	EtsaTrans Multilingual Project
Title Description	The project is concerned with automatic translation of texts into different languages and the development of a database of language pairs to do the translation with. Stage I consisted of research concerning the legacy system, Lexica. It was researched how to adopt a rule-based method of machine translation to improve the system and to translate from one South African language to another, for example English – Afrikaans – Sesotho. The result of testing was published by Snyman & Naudé (2003) and Daelemans, Du Plessis, Snyman & Teck (2005). The result shows that poor rule-based methods of machine translation are a dead end. Stage II consists of research on how to develop the EtsaTrans system as an example-based method whereby machine translation is done on the basis of existing translations and at that stage it was the newest development in the research field. The new example-based method has more options for migration as new technology develops, which the old system could not do. Research was conducted to solve word-order differences by pattern-matching (especially in the African languages); The results were published by Snyman, Ehlers & Naudé (2007). Two further articles in this regard were submitted for publication in 2007/8 in which it is shown that the accuracy of translation can only be further improved with dedicated research on the nature of domain specific databases. The focal point of Stage III concerns research on the nature of the database (language pairs i.e. English–Sesotho, English–isiXhosa, English–Afrikaans, English–isiZulu etc.) to use as examples for translation. The research relates to the optimization of the
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	Authors: Snyman, F.P.J. & Naudé, J.A.
	DUUR VAN PROJEK/ DURATION OF PROJECT 2003 to date

Members

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Details on Project: Biblical Hebrew Grammar Research

Focus Area

OTHER

Particulars of Applicant

Project Leader	Prof Jacobus (JA) Naude
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Title	Biblical Hebrew Grammar Research
Description	This project investigates problematic constructions in Biblical Hebrew and Aramaic important for the interpretation and translation of Biblical Hebrew texts. It also investigates the teaching of Biblical Hebrew and researches various ways to introduce students to Biblical Hebrew in a South African context.
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DUUR VAN PROJEK/ DURATION OF PROJECT From 1989-2004 and from 2008 to date

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Details on Project: Bible and Religous Translation

Focus Area

OTHER

Particulars of Applicant

Project Leader	Prof Jacobus (JA) Naude
Faculty	The Humanities
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Centre	

Title	Bible and Religous Translation
Description	Researching/Investigating the principles for Bible and religious translation for the South African and African context.
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Funding	None

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Details on Project: Concepts and Meaning

Focus Area

OTHER

Particulars of Applicant

Project Leader	Prof Jacobus (JA) Naude
Faculty	The Humanities
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Title	Concepts and Meaning
Description	Research concepts and meaning in Biblical and religious literature on semantic and lexicographical principals.
	2007 A descriptive analysis of the concepts "purity" and "holiness" within the Qumran community and Hare Krishna Movement. Journal for Semitics. 16(2), pp 392-422.
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	1986. Apokalips, apokaliptiese eskatologie en apokaliptisisme in die latere Jodendom. Tydskrif vir Christelike Wetenskap 22(1-2), 99-137.
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	DUUR VAN PROJEK/ DURATION OF PROJECT 1986 to date
Funding	None

Members

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Details on Project: Corpus Translation Studies

Focus Area

OTHER

Particulars of Applicant

Project Leader	Prof Jacobus (JA) Naude
Faculty	The Humanities
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Centre	

Proposal Details

Title	Bible and Religous Corpus Translation Studies
Description	Building of electronic corpuses (translated and not translated sources) to investigate universals of source and translated texts/communication.
	2008 The role of pseudo-translations in early Afrikaans travel writing. A corpus-based translation analysis. Southern African Linguistics and Applied Language Studies 26(1). 2007 Stylistic variation in three English translations of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Acta Theologica 27(2):143-167.
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	DUUR VAN PROJEK/
	DURATION OF PROJECT 2001 to date
Funding	NRF and Faculty of Humanities

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Details on Project: Functionalist translation studies

Focus Area

OTHER

Particulars of Applicant

Project Leader	Prof Jacobus (JA) Naude
Faculty	The Humanities
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Centre	

Proposal Details

Title	Functionalist translation studies
Description	The application of the functionalist approach of translation in the South African language practice environment, by researching ways how to implement the model in the language industry, for example mass media.
	2007 The Language practitioner. One profession, multiple applications. Southern African Linguistics and Applied Language Studies 25(2), 3-6.
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	DUUR VAN PROJEK/ DURATION OF PROJECT 1998 to date
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Partners

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Details on Project: The cultural/power turn in SA translations

Focus Area

OTHER

Particulars of Applicant

Project Leader	Prof Jacobus (JA) Naude
Faculty	The Humanities
Department/Unit/	Language Management and Language Practice
Centre	

Title	The cultural/power turn in South African translations
Description	This research project involving approximately ten master students describing existed translations into English, Sotho, Xhosa and Zulu. The realisation of postcolonial translation studies in the mid 1990s lead to translations created to benefit the culture of the colonised at the expense of the culture of the coloniser/imperialist. This research indicates by means of a translation critical analysis how in South African translations the dominated target culture is rehabilitated, enriched or globalised; how the dominate source culture is subverted and how the dominate target culture is resisted through maintenance of the dominated source culture.
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	2005 Translation and cultural transformation. The case of the Afrikaans Bible Translations. Hung Eva (ed) Translation and Cultural Change: Studies in history, norms and image-projection. John Benjamins Translation Studies Series 61. Amsterdam: Benjamins pp.19-42.
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	Conferences/Kongresse: International:
	2007 The shaping of cultural knowledge in South African translation. CETRA, Leuven,

29 November 2007.

2006 The cultural turn in South African translation: Les Méthodes de la Traduction. Sidi Bel Abbés, Algeria, 15-16 May 2006.

2005 The rehabilitation of the source culture in Geza Vermes' translation of the Dead Sea Scrolls

(2004). Guest lecture, Christian Academy of Theology, Warsaw, Poland, 18 May 2005.

2004. Lost in translation. Designation, identification and classification of flora in translated Near Eastern texts. 50th Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Skukuza, 2-5 August 2004 (Co-presenter).

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2005 Reanimating orality. The case for a new Bible translation in Southern Sotho. SASNES, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg (19-23 September) (copresenter).

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2002. The cultural turn, rehabilitation, subversion and resistance in South African translations. Cultural Studies Seminar, Bloemfontein (17 June).

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Funding

None

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