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

Focus Area

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Proposal Details

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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