

In the age of the information society, more and more organizations and companies consider information and communication processes and operate in several languages. Translation is an indispensable tool in business. The links between translation and business are irrefutably evident in the academic and professional world. This is evidenced by surveys on the market, teaching, or scientific production.

The practice of economic translation in the global market is accompanied by an interest in training translators and a boom in research. However, they cover short, uneven periods, and the searches used to compile their respective corpora may be separated, since they were conducted solely by scanning the abstracts for the word “translation”, rather than the article titles. Little attention is paid to comparing business translation between Chinese and other languages, especially in a bibliometric context.

This research aims to collect business translation work in China from the perspective of bibliometrics, a kind of metascience that analyses, quantifies, and measures the scientific output of a given discipline, creating formal representations of behavior for explanatory, evaluative, or administrative purposes (De Bellis, 2009). It searches relevant works in China National Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI), manages their information in the corpus, and keeps updating data. In particular, qualitative analysis will provide a systematic and comprehensive view of business translation studies in China. Besides, it will seek commonalities and differences among them, thus shedding light on business translation and its development in the future.