

The Map: A Beginner's Guide to Doing Research in Translation Studies

Introduction

The book is entitled *The Map* because like a geographical map, it is intended to show the way. It means to show the way to the researchers in the field of Translation Studies so that they can do research.

The first step in doing research is to find a general **area of interest**: What is my area of interest in the field of translation?

The second step is to **evaluate** the state of research on the chosen topic: Has anyone else worked on this? Are there enough sources to complete this research?



1. What is the definition of "Translation"?

"A text in one language, produced based on a text in another language"

2. How can we define "Translation Studies"?

A relatively new field of study which describes, analyzes and theorizes the processes, contexts and products of the very act of translation and those people involved in the act of translation. Simply, it studies translation.

3. What does 'research' mean? What is the broad definition of research?

A systematic investigation, in any field of study, which means to create new knowledge or add to the existing knowledge.

4. In the broad definition of research, which words seem problematic?

"New Knowledge"; because new knowledge has different definitions in different levels of research.

5. Doing research, how and in which ways, can we make contribution to the field of
"Translation Studies?"

In four ways:

1. Provide new data,
2. Provide an answer to a question,
3. Improve an existing hypothesis, theory or methodology,
4. Suggest a new idea (hypothesis, theory or methodology)