

Curriculum Vitae



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Education Qualifications

2015	Ph.D. in English Language and Literature (with a focus on Translation Studies), National University of Singapore (NUS)
1997	PGDip in Business Administration, National University of Singapore (NUS)
1992	M.A. in Applied Linguistics, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
1989	B.Sc. in English for Science & Technology, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Academic and Professional Experience

2006 - Present	Head, Translation & Interpretation Programme (Chinese/English), School of Humanities and Behavioural Sciences, Singapore University of Social Sciences (formerly known as SIM University)
2005 - 2006	Head, Office of Academic Services, SIM University
1999 - 2005	Manager, Chinese Programmes, SIM Open University Centre
1992 - 1993	Lecturer, School of Foreign Languages, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Memberships and Professional Activities

- Member, Chinese Resource Panel for National Translation Committee, Ministry of Communication and Information, Singapore
- Member, Humanities and Social Sciences Advisory Committee, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Singapore
- Member of the Scientific Committee of International Symposium of Bilingualism (ISB 9 and ISB 10)
- Completion Certificate, The Translation Research Summer School UK, 18-29 June 2012 (a joint initiative of University College London, University of Edinburgh and University of Manchester)
- Reviewer for Robinson, D. (2012). *Becoming a translator: An introduction to the theory and practice translation*. London and New York: Routledge
- Reviewer for Munday, J. (2012). *Introducing translation studies: Theories and applications*. London and New York: Routledge

Research Interests

- Stylistic approach to translation studies
- Sociolinguistic issues in translation
- Contrastive studies of Chinese and English languages
- Narratology and translation
- Translation of autobiography
- Translation technology
- Translator's training and education

Publications

Book:

Xu, Y. S. (2017). *Translation of Autobiography: Narrating Self, Translating the Other*. (Vol. 136, Benjamins Translation Library). Amsterdam: John Benjamins Publishing Company. doi:10.1075/btl.136 (<https://benjamins.com/#catalog/books/btl.136/main>)

Papers:

Xu, Y. S. (2019). Translating foregrounding in literary and non-literary texts, foregrounding translator's conscious and unconscious thought. *Neohelicon*, 46(1), 261-283. DOI 10.1007/s11059-019-00472-7

Xu, Y. S. (2015). The translators' positioning in an institutional setting: a Singapore perspective. *Babel Revue internationale de la traduction / International Journal of Translation Babel* 61 (1): 93-109 (<http://www.jbe-platform.com/content/journals/10.1075/babel.61.1.06xu>)

Xu, Y. S. (2012). Socio-cultural contexts in translation: A case study of a public speech in Singapore. *Translation Quarterly*, Spring Issue 2012. 68-96. The Hong Kong Translation Society.

Xu, Y. S. (2010). When translation technology meets educational technology: The way forward for teaching CAT. *Journal of Translation Studies*, Vol. 14, 283-304. Hong Kong: Hong Kong Chinese University Press.

Xu, Y. S. (2007). Innovation and e-learning in translator's education: a Singapore experience. Proceedings of Aslib conference: *Computer and Translation* 29, London, UK.

Conferences:

Xu, Y. S. (2017, Oct). Translation of autobiography, autobiography of translators?: Divergent interests and convergent identities. Paper accepted for presentation at the 6th Asia-Pacific Forum on Translation & Intercultural Studies, October 19–22, 2017, the University of California, Berkeley.

Xu, Y. S. (2016, July). Translating Confucius into English: Can traditional Chinese values be narrated in a Western point of view? Paper presented at the 2nd East Asian Translation Studies Conference, 9-10 July 2016, Tokyo, Japan.

Xu, Y.S. (2016, June). Happiness is a point of view: A cross-linguistic study of happiness. Paper presented at the 3rd Canadian Conference on Positive Psychology, 15-17 June 2016, Ontario, Canada.

Xu, Y. S. (2015, November). Beware of the fallible filter and unreliable narrator: Enhancing professional trust. Paper presented at the ATA (American Translators Association) 56th Annual Conference, 4-7 Nov 2015, Miami, USA.

- Xu, Y. S. (2014, August). A foregrounding analysis of an autobiography and its translation: Whose point of view is this? Paper presented at AILA World Congress 2014, Brisbane, Australia.
- Xu, Y. S. (2013, October). Translator's education and evaluation in Singapore: Paradox, dilemma and breakthrough. Paper presented at Korean Association of Translation Studies International Conference, Rethinking Perspectives in Translation Research and Practice, Seoul, Korea.
- Xu, Y. S. (2013, June). Can in Singapore English. Paper presented at the International Symposium on Bilingualism (ISB9), Singapore.
- Xu, Y. S. (2013, March). "To be or Not to be?": A foregrounding analysis of literary and non-literary texts and their translations. Paper presented at the symposium Reading the Target: Translation as Translation, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK.
- Xu, Y. S. (2011, August). The impact of culture and ideology on translation strategies. Paper presented at the International Federation of Translators XIX World Congress Bridging Cultures, San Francisco, USA.
- Xu, Y. S. (2011, May). A multi-mode approach to translator's education. Paper presented at the CUITI Forum 2011, It's Sustainable economy That Matters! and International Conference on T&I Education Development, Beijing, China.
- Xu, Y. S. (2009, October). Winning the RACE: Embracing e-Learning and embarking on an e-Course in translation. Paper presented at the American Translators Association's 50th Annual Conference, New York, USA.
- Xu, Y. S. (2008, August). Effect of bilingual education on translator's education: A little red dot's perspective. Paper presented at the XVIII FIT World Congress, Shanghai, China.
- Xu, Y. S. (2007, November). Innovation and e-learning in translator's education: a Singapore experience. Proceedings of Aslib conference: Computer and Translation 29 London, UK.
- Xu, Y. S. & Neelam, A. (2007, July). Developing a degree programme in translation and interpretation in Singapore: Opportunities, challenges and strategies. Paper presented at the Translator's Association of China (TAC) forum The Teaching of Translation and Interpreting, Beijing, China.

Invited Presentations:

- Positive emotion versus passive attitude: How Yu Dan's "happy" narrative is translated into an "unhappy" story for English readers* (speaker). School of Interpreting and Translation, Beijing International Studies University, 7 November 2016. Beijing.
- Roundtable: Navigating the Singapore translation industry* (panellist). Singapore Translation Symposium 2015, 3 November 2015, Singapore.
- Can you be a simultaneous interpreter?* (joint speaker with H.H. Lee). Singapore International Translation Symposium, 16-17 May 2014. Singapore.
- Winning the RACE: Embracing technology and embarking on an e-Journey in translation* (speaker and panellist), Singapore International Translation Symposium, 1 February 2013, Singapore.
- Training future translators and interpreters* (speaker and panellist). Singapore International Translation Symposium, 2 February 2013, Singapore.
- Training and certification of translators in Singapore (speaker and panellist). *Bridging two worlds: bilingualism and translation in Singapore: A public forum*. 28 April 2012, Singapore.

An innovative approach in translator education (speaker). UniSIM Annual Teaching and Learning Symposium.
30 November 2008, Singapore.

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