Our objectives

- to bring together Joyceans, whether translators, Joyce scholars or translation scholars;
- to collect all Joyce translations, in all languages, to digitize them, and to make them available to JJTC members;
- to create an annotated database of translations, aligned with the source texts at the sentence level, uniquely suited for the development of theory on the poetics of (re)translation, both in a diachronous perspective (i.e. over time, studying subsequent retranslations) and in a synchronous comparative perspective (i.e. studying translations across languages and cultures);
- to compile a complete collection of research publications on Joyce in translation;
- to organize colloquia and conference panels on Joyce in translation;
- to disseminate knowledge on Joyce in all languages, publishing research in international collaboration between JJTC members;
- to jointly submit applications for research projects on Joyce translations;
- to become a unique platform of information and expertise on Joyce in translation, for scholars and translators alike;
- to be a virtual place for networking on Joyce translation and reception;
- to open new paths of investigation, including context and text analyses, the introduction of digital humanities and semi-automated corpus analyses, theory-building, genetics of (re)translation, and anything our members would like to develop;

Our members

Although JJTC officially started only in April 2023, we have contacts with committed translators, Joyce scholars and translation scholars in several countries, including Belgium, Croatia, France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Romania, Serbia, and the U.S. Our first job is to officialize JJTC membership for all those interested Joyce lovers, translators and scholars out there, to create a website, a repertoire of researchers working on Joyce in translation, and to start developing our platform and your ideas!

Some of our research questions

- What Joyce texts were translated into which languages, and how often?;
- When did this occur? What was the reception of these translations in the target cultures?;
- How did translators work? from the source text, and in which editions, or did they use previous translations as a relay?;
- Who are these translators and what is their professional profile and experience?;
- Why are some languages/cultures more inclined than others to also retranslate Joyce?;
- Where were these translations published? What types of publishing houses publish Joyce in (re)translation and in which collections? How do they market Joyce in translation?;
- What evidence can be found in support of, or against some of the hypotheses concerning retranslation that currently lack systematic study across a large corpus of translations in many languages, e.g. that retranslations occur when previous translations are outdated, that retranslations remain 'closer' to the source text than first or early translations do, that retranslations leave more room for language variety and ambiguous or multivoiced discourse, that retranslations are constrained by previous translations, and so on;
- What happens in retranslations, as compared to first and early translations, with some of the prominent textual and stylistic features in Joyce, such as multivoiced discourse, stream of consciousness, language variety, inter- intra- and cross-textual references and allusions, parody and pastiche, or narrative coherence?;
- What precisely are, in this respect, the evolutions over time, the differences between translation cultures, and the 'invariants' of translation across languages and cultures, such as explicitation or standardisation (which have been claimed to be 'universals' of translation)?
- What differences are there in the reception of retranslations as compared to first translations?

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