



# THE INFLUENCE OF TRANSLATION STUDIES ON MODERN PHILOLOGICAL RESEARCH

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Abstract. This paper describes the organization of philological students' step-by-step mastering the methodology and technology of philological scientific research and generalizes the essential gains of students' scientific research work, aimed at studying the poetics of the literary text as representation of its author's artistic consciousness. The major collective results of students' research work include: determining the artistic concepts typology adequate for the purpose of modeling the conceptual sphere of the literary work, working out the technique of modeling the conceptual sphere of the literary work, revealing meaningful correspondences in the results of the students' research work.

**Keywords:** Philological students, research work, artistic concept, conceptual sphere.

#### INTRODUCTION

Philosophic-artistic synthesis as an ontological property of the public conscience of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the anthropocentric cognitive-discursive linguistics





paradigm, integrative tendencies of the modern humanitarian knowledge in general resulted in gnoseological refocusing of the modern literature studies on investigating the structured integer of a literary work as representation of the artistic consciousness [1]. Since art is regarded as a form of thinking, inherent in human consciousness [2], the methodology of the modern philological literary research incorporates both hermeneutic methods and methods of lingua-cognitive, lingua-psychological and lingua-cultural studies.

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

Mastering the new methodology of literary studies in the process of students' scientific research work allows for optimization of forming the philological competence of future teachers of foreign languages and literature, which is of special importance in the conditions of increasing de-verbalization and de-culturalization of the modern global community [3].

The efficiency and cultural adequacy of pedagogic impact performed by the teacher of language and literature directly depends on the level of his philological competence. In its wide sense, the philological competence, regardless of its' bearer social and profession affiliation, is a sign of mastering the national verbal cultural code, of the high developmental level of his language personality. In its narrow sense, the philological competence of teachers of foreign languages and literature has been defined as the complex of bilingual culture of speech behavior and bilingual culture of reading that ensures a personality's capacity to efficient cross-cultural communication and axiological orientation in the cross-cultural space in its diachronic and synchronic projections [4]. The speech behavior culture refers to the speaker's capacity to constructive speech interaction ensuring optimal perlocutive effect of a speech act and providing harmonization of the interlocutors' interpersonal relations. The culture of reading consists in the perception of the written discourse as a realized act of thinking, which requires responsive intellectual activity of the reader the capacity to perform critical analysis of the text. Yet, such analysis has to be rather of an axiological than gnoseological character, that is, has to be aimed at deepening the





reader's comprehension of the author's concept on the basis of the developed skills of functional decoding the verbal code of the literary text.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The student research team "Lingua-cognitive aspects of the poetics of the literary text" of the Uzbek universities includes students of the second to the fifth years of study, each working at the chosen research subject for four years. Such a long term of research allows for mastering the methodology and technology of philological scientific research in four stages.

Thus, the task of the first stage corresponding to writing the course paper in foreign literature consists of the second-year students mastering the methods of analysis and generalization of the scientific literature of quite a wide range: that on philosophy, psychology, history, sociology, literature, culture and country studies, as well as the method of contextual interpretation of a literary text and the descriptive method. The target of the first stage of the student scientific research work consists in determining the philosophical, ideological, structural and image-bearing specificity of the artistic world of the literary work under study.

At the second stage corresponding to writing the course paper in linguistics by the third-year students the corpus of the analyzed scientific literature is presented by the major works and latest research in cognitive linguistics. Students solve a challenging task of coming to grips with such complicated notions as 'artistic concept', 'artistic consciousness', 'lingua-cognitive process', 'verbal world-image' etc, and learn to apply the knowledge gained in the process of singling out artistic macro-concepts, basic concepts and micro-concepts of the literary work under study, as well as the means of their explication and verbalization. The research methods employed at this stage include methods of conceptual and lingua-stylistic analysis of the literary discourse.

The theoretical-methodological base of the research acquired in this way during the first two years of the research experience allows the four-year students master the method of the lingua-cognitive modeling at the third stage of their research in the process of writing their bachelor papers. The purpose of the





bachelor paper is formulated as modeling the concept sphere of the literary work regarded in terms of the structural integer, since determining the structure and semantics of the inner ties of the concept sphere means maximal approximation to the adequate interpretation of the literary text (Sedlmayr, 2000).

Finally, at the completing stage of the students' scientific research work, corresponding to writing diploma papers, undergraduates solve the task of determining the degree of conceptual adequacy of the translation of the literary work under study into their mother tongue. The theoretical base of the research is complimented by the analysis and systematization of the scientific works on the problem of criteria-based estimation of the level of adequacy of the artistic translation in the linguistic theory of translation. The practical part of the research consists of probating the criterion of conceptual adequacy of the translation on the material of the original and translated texts of the literary work under study.

The most significant outcomes of the scientific research work performed by the participants of the student research team "Lingua-cognitive aspects of the poetics of the literary text" are regarded to be the following ones:

- determining the typology of artistic concepts that proved to be the most adequate to the task of modeling the concept sphere of a literary text. Such a typology is based on the criterion of the degree of integration of semantic structures, according to which there have been singled out macro-concepts, basic concepts and micro-concepts of a literary text, discovering and describing their hierarchic interrelations. Macro-concepts refer to the concepts lying in the base of a person's world image. Interaction of macro-concepts define the major oppositions of the concept sphere of a literary work. Basic concepts serve for explicating manifestation of macro-concept in certain spheres of human activity. Micro-concepts, in their turn, serve to specify basic concepts, at the same time forming the semantic field of their confluence and interference;
- working out the methodology and techniques of modeling the concept sphere of a literary work viewed as a projection of its author's verbal world image. The theoretical-methodological basis of such methodology is the





postulate of a person's mental-speech activity being the result of the person's existential being and the instruments of developing notions describing phenomena of the surrounding world; human mental-speech activity is realized in the boundaries of logical antinomies with their inevitably orthodox oppositions and alternative infinity of notions in between (Klimenyuk, 2009);

• establishing certain regular correlations between the results of students' researches of concept spheres of the works of the English language authors of the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century who worked in different genres from different philosophic-aesthetic positions, which opens the path for wider literary critical, philosophic and cultural generalizations.

In accordance with the developed methodology of modeling a concept sphere of a literary work, the student researchers have singled out the following intersecting antinomies of macro-concepts in the novels under study: a) Life – Death and Natural Human – Social Human in R. Bradbury 'Fahrenheit 451'; b) Personality – Combine and Conformism – Non-Conformism in K. Kesey's 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest'; c) Personality – Religion and Spiritual Life – Social Being in G. Greene's 'The Heart of the Matter'. Imposition of the systems of conceptual coordinates of the artistic worlds of the three novels reveals the following conceptual pattern: in the concept sphere of the English language existential anti-utopian literature of the second half of the 20th century the existential problem of life and death is solved as the conflict of the spiritual and social roots of a personality, the contradiction between a person's spiritual needs and ontological existence in the society. The location of an individual personality on the suppositive scale between Life and Death is determined by the extent of the person's independence from the outer existential frame imposed by Religion symbolizing outer ritualization and regulation of the inner spiritual life, by the Combine and City symbolizing the power structures of the society.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The scientific research work of the student research team "Linguacognitive aspects of the poetics of the literary text" has proved productive in two





aspects. Firstly, it helped optimize the formation of the practical philological competence of future teachers of foreign languages and foreign literature. Secondly, it increased the participants' level of individual academic philological competence due to the possibility of individual improvement and testing of the complex of the research methods worked out by the team.

The effectiveness of the organization of the student scientific research work described consists in: determining the typology of artistic concepts that is the most adequate to the task of modeling the concept sphere of a literary text; working out the methodology and techniques of modeling the concept sphere of a literary work as a projection of its author's verbal world image; establishing certain regular correlations between the results of students' researches of concept spheres of the works by the English language authors of the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The existential problem of life and death in the concept sphere of the English-language existential anti-utopian literature of this epoch is solved as the conflict of the spiritual and social roots of a personality, the contradiction between a person's spiritual needs and ontological existence in the society.

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