Translating Horror: Shadows on the Page and Screen
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Description:

This multidisciplinary volume, through both case studies and wider surveys of literary traditions in dialogue, engages the horror genre as it is transmitted and developed across languages. The second part of the book is particularly focused on ways in which stories and novels are adapted for the cinematic medium.

Translating Horror is interested in particular challenges that may be encountered in interlinguistic environments, for example, in rendering certain genre conventions; in early cinema practices; in more recent cultural economies of cinema remakes; and in how (pseudo-)translation and interpreting can be used as framing devices or become key parts of a plot.

Key words: Horror genre, literary translation, film adaptation, (pseudo-)translation, found manuscript trope, horror remakes in cinema.

What Should the Submitted Chapters Consider?

Potential topics of discussion include, but are not limited to:

- Relationships between translation theory and the horror genre;
- Interlinguistic issues in adapting horror for cinema;
- Subtitling or dubbing horror cinema, and translators dealing with conventions of the genre;
- The place of pseudo-translation, transcriptions, and/or found manuscripts in horror literature;
- Specific cases of self-referential horror novels and stories that creatively incorporate sites of translation (for example, House of Leaves or ‘The Gist’);
- Themes and dramatisations of translation or interpreting in horror literature and film;
- Particular challenges posed by the horror genre, its tropes, stylistic propensities, narrative/plot devices, and conventions overall, for the literary translator;
- Dialogues between different literary traditions of horror, and the role of translators in workings of influence;
- Case studies of particular sub-genres, types of story or authors of horror as they are translated into other languages or literatures;
- Translation and translators in relation to the reception and dissemination of horror literature.
- Dimensions of classic horror influencing modern horror (for instance, Dracula and Salem’s Lot) and how translators may access and register these relationships
- Cases where translation may lead to new originals.
About the Editor:

Paschalis Nikolaou is Assistant Professor in Literary Translation at the Ionian University in Corfu, Greece. He has previously edited, among others, Translating Selves: Experience and Identity between Languages and Literatures (2008) and Encounters in Greek and Irish Literature: Creativity, Translations and Critical Perspectives (2020). His study The Return of Pytheas: Scenes from British and Greek Poetry in Dialogue was published in 2017. Most recently, he guest-edited an issue of Synthesis (12. 2019: “Recomposed: Anglophone Presences of Classical Literature”) and contributed essays to Anne Carson/Antiquity (2021) and The Cambridge Handbook to Translation (2022).

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