## Abstract

Every scholarly discipline at certain stages in its development is confronted with the limitations and irregularities of its metalanguage. Problematic variations of usage and conceptualization also exist in the theory and practice of translation. This issue directly relates with the central topic of this conference, since it raises a set of questions about the role of translation and translation studies, the influences from other disciplines, the ‘mapping’ of translation concepts, the consistency of metalanguages, the usefulness of a metadiscourse, the possible contribution of a metalanguage to the social status of translators, etc.