

College of Languages | Translation Department

International Translation Day 2026

Detailed Event File

Celebrating International Translation Day 2026

Artificial Intelligence and Global Transformations in Translation

6 October 2026

Simulation Center Hall

**Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University – College of Languages,
Translation Department**

1. Event Overview

The College of Languages at Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University, represented by the Translation Department and in collaboration with the Translation Association, is organizing the 2026 International Translation Day celebration under the theme “Artificial Intelligence and Global Transformations in Translation.” The event will be held on 6 October 2026 in the University’s Simulation Center Hall.

The program takes the form of an academic and professional event combining opening remarks, panel discussions, competitions, and an accompanying exhibition.

The event theme highlights the transformations taking place in the translation sector amid the rapid development of artificial intelligence, with a focus on the relationship between translators and emerging technologies, the future of the profession, and academic and professional experiences from translation schools around the world.

2. International Background of International Translation Day

International Translation Day is celebrated every year on 30 September. The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the day as International Translation Day through Resolution 71/288, adopted on 24 May 2017, in recognition of the role of language professionals in promoting communication, understanding, cooperation, development, and peace.

The date 30 September is associated with the feast day of Saint Jerome, known for his translation of the Bible and regarded as the patron saint of translators.

It should be noted that the International Federation of Translators (FIT) announced that the global theme for International Translation Day 2026 is “Language Diversity and Language Rights: Strength in Being Understood,” with a focus on translation, interpreting, and terminology as essential elements of linguistic inclusion. The Princess Nourah University event adopts an independent local/university theme focusing on artificial intelligence and global transformations in translation, a theme that intersects with the international discussion on the impact of technology and AI on language professions.

3. Event Objectives

- Highlight the global transformations taking place in the translation sector in the age of artificial intelligence.
- Discuss the nature of integration between human capabilities and modern technologies in translation work.
- Highlight the added value of translators, particularly in cultural and contextual understanding, creativity, and professional judgment.

- Anticipate the future of the translation profession and the new skills required in the digital environment.
- Exchange academic and professional expertise on translation schools around the world and scholarship experiences.
- Introduce students and interested participants to technological changes and their impact on education, research, and professional practice.
- Promote conscious and professional use of artificial intelligence in translation through a specialized prompt-engineering competition.
- Provide a space for networking and introducing entities and units related to translation and languages.

4. Target Audience

- Students in translation and language programs.
- Faculty members and researchers in translation and linguistics.
- Translators and practitioners in the translation sector.
- Those interested in artificial intelligence and language technologies.
- Institutions, associations, and organizations related to translation and languages.

5. Academic Program Themes

5.1 First Panel Discussion – Translation and Artificial Intelligence: Integrating Human and Technological Capabilities

Session moderator: Dr. Asma Al-Qunaieer

Speakers: Prof. Dr. Hind Al-Otaibi and Dr. Khalid Abahsin

- From machine translation to partnership between translators and artificial intelligence, and how the translator's role is changing with the development of AI tools.
- What humans add that machines cannot replace, with a focus on cultural understanding, context, creativity, and professional judgment.
- Artificial intelligence and the development of translator competence, including the question of whether AI is an assisting tool or a competitor.
- The future of the translation profession in the age of artificial intelligence, including new skills and ethical and professional challenges.

5.2 Second Panel Discussion – Global Translation Schools in the Digital Age: Experiences from Scholarship Destinations

Session moderator: Dr. Abeer Aldkiel

Speakers: Dr. Alaa Alawi, Dr. Abia Al-Dabbagh, Ms. Asma Al-Faisal, and Mr. Tariq Al-Sharif

- The scholarship experience and choosing the university and specialization.
- Study and research in translation and major research trends and experiences.

- Differences between the translation environment in scholarship destinations and the local environment in terms of education, research, professional practice, and the translation market.
- What scholarship recipients brought back in terms of ideas, practices, and tools that can be transferred and utilized locally.
- The presence of technology and artificial intelligence in translation education, research, and professional practice.
- Advice for the new generation of scholarship recipients and translation researchers.
- Unified closing question: If you could summarize your scholarship experience in one lesson, what lesson did you bring back to the university and the nation?

6. Competition

The event includes a “Translation and Artificial Intelligence Competition,” focusing on prompt engineering in translation using artificial intelligence. Time will be allocated within the program to honor the winners, adding a practical and competitive dimension to the event and encouraging students to use AI tools consciously in translation tasks.

7. Accompanying Exhibition

An accompanying exhibition will be held in the foyer of the Simulation Center Hall and will include a number of informational booths, including booths for the Translation Department, the Translation Association, the Research Unit at the College of Languages, the French Language Unit for Interaction and Self-Learning (ULFIA), the Culinary Association, and the Music Association.

8. Schedule

Time	Duration	Item
8:30–9:00	30 min	Reception and registration
9:00–9:10	10 min	opening ceremony
9:10–9:20	10 min	Address by the Dean of the College of Languages / Address by the Head of the Translation Department
9:20–9:25	5 min	Address by the Translation Association
9:25–9:43	18 min	Introductory video on International Translation Day
9:45–10:30	45 min	First panel discussion
10:30–10:50	20 min	Hospitality break
10:50–11:35	45 min	Second panel discussion
11:50–12:15	25 min	Honoring the winners of the Translation and Artificial Intelligence Competition
12:15–12:40	25 min	Closing remarks and group photo