

1.4..one is repeatedly reminded that there are, after all, no significant translation theories.Drawing on other theorists' experience, S. Chau summarises the situation: It can be misleading to talk about 'translation theories' as such, as if there are properly developed theoretical models or entities carefully considered by practitioners..Theories of Translating: Though there have been many serious attempts to arrive at a unified theory of translating, linguists and translation theorists are still in doubt about such a possibility.The idea of formulating a reliable theory is of a great significance, since it would systematize the methods and procedures of translating.(1984b: 94) It might be useful to refer briefly to different views on this matter put forward by linguists and translation theorists.