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**S. VOHIDOV AS A TRANSLATOR AND A PROMOTER OF INTERCULTURAL LITERARY COMMUNICATION**

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**Abstract:** This article analyzes the role of S. Vohidov as a translator and an active promoter of intercultural literary communication. Through his translation activity, Vohidov contributed significantly to the dialogue between Uzbek literature and world literary traditions. He regarded translation as a cultural bridge that enables mutual understanding between nations while preserving national identity and artistic originality. The study emphasizes that Vohidov's translation practice was not limited to linguistic transfer but functioned as a form of cultural mediation, facilitating the exchange of aesthetic values, ideas, and literary traditions. His approach remains relevant in modern translation studies, particularly in the context of globalization and intercultural interaction.

**Keywords:** literary translation, S. Vohidov, intercultural communication, cultural mediation, world literature

**Аннотация:** В статье рассматривается деятельность С. Вохидова как переводчика и активного пропагандиста межкультурного литературного диалога. Посредством художественного перевода Вохидов способствовал взаимодействию узбекской литературы с мировой культурой, рассматривая перевод как средство сближения народов и сохранения национальной самобытности. Подчеркивается, что его переводческая практика выполняла функцию культурного посредничества, обеспечивая обмен эстетическими ценностями и литературными традициями. Идеи и принципы Вохидова сохраняют актуальность в условиях современной глобализации.

**Ключевые слова:** художественный перевод, С. Вохидов, межкультурная коммуникация, культурное посредничество, мировая литература

S. Vohidov occupies a prominent position in Uzbek literary history not only as a poet and translator but also as a mediator between cultures. His translation activity played a crucial role in introducing masterpieces of world literature to Uzbek readers and, at the same time, in presenting the expressive potential of the Uzbek language within a broader intercultural context [1]. Vohidov perceived translation as an essential tool for establishing dialogue between different literary traditions, believing that literature serves as a universal language capable of transcending national boundaries.

A distinctive feature of Vohidov's translation approach is his emphasis on cultural adequacy and artistic harmony. He sought to preserve the ideological and emotional essence of the original text while adapting it to the cultural norms and aesthetic expectations of the target audience. Such an approach corresponds with modern theories of intercultural communication, which view translation as a form of cultural negotiation



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rather than a purely linguistic operation [2]. Through this perspective, Vohidov's translations functioned as vehicles for cultural exchange, enabling readers to access foreign literary worlds without losing their own cultural reference points.

Another important aspect of Vohidov's contribution lies in his role in strengthening intercultural literary dialogue. By translating works from different cultural backgrounds, he expanded the horizons of Uzbek readers and enriched national literary consciousness. His translations fostered respect for other cultures while reinforcing the value of native language and tradition. This dual function of translation—as both an integrative and identity-preserving practice—is widely recognized in contemporary translation studies [3].

The relevance of S. Vohidov's ideas is particularly evident in today's globalized literary space, where intercultural communication has become increasingly dynamic. His translation principles highlight the ethical responsibility of the translator as a cultural representative who must balance openness to other cultures with loyalty to one's own linguistic and cultural heritage. In this sense, Vohidov can be regarded as a pioneer of intercultural translation thinking in Uzbek literary scholarship [4].

In conclusion, S. Vohidov's work as a translator and promoter of intercultural literary communication represents a significant contribution to both national and world literature. His translations exemplify how literary translation can function as a powerful instrument of cultural dialogue, mutual understanding, and intellectual exchange. The continued study of his translation legacy offers valuable insights for modern translation theory and intercultural communication research.

Beyond his practical translation achievements, S. Vohidov's contribution to intercultural literary communication can also be evaluated through his implicit translation philosophy, which foregrounded ethical responsibility and intellectual integrity. He viewed the translator as an accountable agent who must respect both the source culture and the receiving audience. This ethical dimension distinguishes Vohidov's approach from purely technical models of translation and aligns it with contemporary ethical frameworks in translation studies that emphasize responsibility, visibility, and cultural accountability of the translator [5].

Vohidov's translations further demonstrate a dialogic understanding of culture, where literary texts are not isolated artifacts but active participants in cross-cultural discourse. By carefully selecting works that resonated with universal human values—such as freedom, dignity, moral struggle, and social justice—he ensured that translation functioned as a meaningful exchange rather than passive consumption of foreign literature. This selective strategy contributed to shaping readers' cultural consciousness and aligns with modern views of translation as an ideological and discursive practice [6].

Another underexplored aspect of Vohidov's role as an intercultural mediator lies in his influence on translation norms and literary taste. His translations helped establish standards of quality, stylistic refinement, and semantic depth that later translators consciously or unconsciously followed. In this sense, Vohidov did not merely translate



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texts but also participated in the formation of a national translation canon, influencing how world literature was perceived, evaluated, and assimilated within Uzbek literary culture [7].

Furthermore, Vohidov's legacy can be observed in the educational and scholarly domains, where his translations are frequently used as reference texts in translation training and literary analysis. His work provides practical examples of how cultural specificity, metaphorical language, and stylistic nuance can be effectively rendered across languages. This pedagogical value strengthens his role as a bridge not only between cultures but also between generations of translators, reinforcing continuity in translation tradition [8].

From a contemporary perspective, S. Vohidov's translation activity anticipates current debates on globalization and cultural diversity. While modern translation often operates under market-driven and technological pressures, Vohidov's work reminds scholars and practitioners of the humanistic mission of translation. His emphasis on cultural respect, artistic responsibility, and intellectual dialogue remains a relevant model for translators navigating the complexities of intercultural communication in the twenty-first century [9].

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