# Albanianisation and Anglicisation in Terms of Both Languages for the Terminology of Economy

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#### Abstract

Before treating the problem related to the concept of "shqipërim" in Albanian and the concept of "anglicizim" (translation of the English word anglicisation or anglicising or even anglicism, as the last one can also be seen in the English dictionaries for anglicising, derived from anglicise), we will look very briefly at these concepts, marked by the corresponding words. This is important for two reasons: Firstly, especially in Albanian, the word (term) shqipërim - Engl. albanianisation (from shqipëroj - Engl. albanise) is ambiguous, and secondly, since the problem is treated in terms of both languages (Albanian and English), then the phenomenon that can be observed in a language, such as, for example, in Albanian, shqipërimi<sup>1</sup> should also be observed in English as a process, the same as it happens during the transition of a foreign word (term) for English in this language, as it is called in Albanian anglicizim (Engl. = anglicisation). Therefore, from this point of view, the process of Albanianisation, especially for the terminology of the economy, has a great value in the standardization act of this terminology, and as such becomes an important part of this process.

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#### Introduction

Without going deeper into the semantics of the term *shqipërim* (Engl. albanianisation), as we shall call it here, it should be noted that the Albanian adheres to the meaning that is related to the verb *përkthej* (Engl. *translate*):
a) "përkthej në gjuhën shqipe ... " = shqipërim<sub>1</sub> (Engl. "to translate into

- Albanian language ..." =  $albanianisation_1$ ) and
- b) "i jap trajtën shqiptare një emri të përveçëm të huaj" =shqipërim<sub>2</sub> (Engl. "to give the Albanian form/shape to a foreign proper noun" = albanianisation2).

It is important to emphasize that, while even in terminology this term has two meanings, we would accept, as related to our problem, the second meaning, ie, *shqipërim* = "dhënia e një trajte shqiptare të një fjale të huaj" (Engl. *albanianisation* = "giving an Albanian form/shape to a foreign word.

This will help us to align this term, expressing this concept, with the concept expressed by the English term *anglicisation* (from anglicise), which expresses the same concept as in Albanian, given with the verb *anglicise* = "make English, or like English (anglicisation). For this concept anglicising and anglicism (the latter in the sense of the "process") can also be used in the English language.

As we have said above, it is important to clarify this, because in many cases, when the Albanian concept of *shqipërim* (Engl. *albanianisation*) is given in English, as a rule, the meaning of "i përkthimit" (Engl. "translation") is passed/transmitted, ie. "translation into English", which does not comply with the meaning of shqipërim (Engl. *albanianisation*).

This is specified for the first time in the "Albanian-English Dictionary" (Qesku, 1999, p. 874), where *shqipërimi* in English, when it comes to Albanian, is given with *albanianisation* (related to *albanianise* and the latter with *Albanian*).

So from this point of view, when it comes to albanise a foreign word (term) into Albanian, but not to translate it, it should not be used: *translation into Albanian*, but: *albanianisation* (=shqipërim), with the meaning we gave above.

By using these two terms in two different languages, but marking the same general concept in two distinct areas of *shqipërim* for Albanian and *anglicizim* for English, it must be asserted that this process, developed in both languages, is of great importance, especially in the very formation of the terminology of the corresponding field in both languages.

This process realtes on the one hand, with the cleansing of the language, but on the other hand with its enrichment. Prof. A. Kostallari, while thoroughly researching the problem of albanianisation of foreign words for Albanian, like the purification as well as the enrichment of the native language vocabulary; where in the cases he analyzed, he accepted these as processes "that go together".

This finding is very important for the Albanian terminology in the field of economy, as it is heavily loaded with foreign terms, mostly obtained from English (in Kosova) or from Italian (in Albania). Since the albanianisation process involves the removal of a foreign unit/entity, but in the meantime also the introduction of a native term (Albanian), then the two terms (both the foreign term and the Albanian one) appear at the same time, so that this situation is undermining the standardization of the terminology.

Therefore, from this point of view, the process of albanianisation, especially for the terminology of the economy, has great value in the act of

standardization of this terminology, and as such becomes an important part of this process.

Regarding the anglicisation into English, that relates to the "adaptation of foreign terms" with native English terms, compared to the albanianisation of foreign terms into Albanian, it can be said that this process does not obtain any great value in the standardization process, as the English terminology of economy appears generally regulated and standardized.

#### Albanianisation

The job for the albanization of the terminology in general is performed in the framework of an organized activity for the cleaning and enrichment of the standard Albanian language as two processes, which always link together. For the albanianisation of terms, the criterion to "albanise non-international scientific terms" (Fjalor 2, 1963, p. 6-7) has been applied.

#### The Albanianisation of the terminology of economy

Issues of albanising the terminology of the economy have been monitored for a long time and continue to be observed still today. However, along with efforts to albanianise non-international terms, it was intended, where possible, to albanise some terms of the terminology of Economy and of banking, where we face a number of foreign terms that are becoming less, and from this point of view, there is a tendency for the use of Albanian terms.

The paths through which this terminology has passed appear as zigzag and with contradictions. This is reflected in a particular way in the contradiction between the work done by the promoters of the terminology in order to systematize, unite and albanise it (mainly reflected in dictionaries and codifying works), and the work (efforts) to put it into use (especially in Kosovo, in textbooks and in the teaching practice)(Duro, 2002, p. 351-352).

The work for albanising the terminology of economy is related to the situation of the vocabulary, as in two main directions:

- 1) Non-terminological and terminological vocabulary, not directly related to this field;
- 2) Terminological vocabulary of the relevant field.

While the vocabulary of the first group is taken in its original state from other areas, thus, it inherits more or less its good or bad sides regarding the degree of the albanisation and unification; the vocabulary of the second group reflects overall the work which is done within the boundaries of this field.

From the viewpoint whether a foreign term has the potential to be albanised or not, three solutions are given:

- 1) The foreign term, used densely and for a long time, is difficult to be extracted from a language.
- 2) Terms with quite specific meanings can also be extracted with difficulty;

3) Terms with a wider and more general meaning can be taken out more easily than terms with a narrow meaning.

It should be emphasised that the equivalence of foreign terms in English, used in Albanian, prove that anglicization in the English terminology of the economy is a negligible phenomenon, since it is, in general terms, a consolidated and standardized terminology. New formations may mainly belong to the very narrow subdivisions of the terminology of the economy.

# The process of standardization in the terminology of Economics

The process of standardization, particularly in the terminology of Economics of Albanian, as a terminology in the process of standardization, connects in an uninterrupted manner with its Albanianisation, the latter not meant as the translation of the terms, but their adaptation in agreement with the nature of Albanian and the rule of its functioning. This is important to be understood because as a terminology in progress, in the terminology of Albanian Economics frequent interferences do occur from Specialists and Linguists to put it on a basis that is most native (Albanian).

Therefore, the joint work of Specialists and Linguists is of exceptional importance for the overcoming of this situation, through its evidencing, undertakings of joint action through boards of examiners, panels, advertisements, in the press etc., for the setting into circulation of the standard terms, mainly those with an Albanian base, but by leaving also foreign terms according to the occasion, in particular those with International expansion.

Finally, it needs to be stressed that the comparison of the Albanian terminology of Economy with the English one puts the terminology of this field into privileged positions by treating it in the light of a terminology that serves as an International Standardization sample. Nevertheless, regardless of this, the process of comparing with other languages as well remains open especially with Italian, French and Russian, the reflections of which are felt in it.

Below we will present some of the main terms used in the English terminology of the economy in English and Albanian:

#### *balance*

balance
balance of account
balance of export and import
balance of foreign exchange
balance of good exchange
balance of payments
balance of payments account
bilance of payments deficit
balance of payments equilibrium

## barazoj, kompensoj

bilanc, mbetje llogarie, saldo gjendja e llogarisë bilanc i eksportit dhe i importit bilanc valuator bilanc i këmbimit të mallrave bilanc i pagesave saldo e bilancit të pagesave deficit i bilancit të pagesave ekuilibër në bilancin e pagesave balance of payments policy balance of payments surplus balance of trade balance of trade deficit balance of trade position balance sheet account balance sheet analysis balance sheet date balanced budget (balancuar) balanced budget multiplier balancuar balanced trade balance-of-payments deficit balance-sheet items balance-sheet total

#### price

price adjustment price agreement price calculation price catalogue price change price complaint price control price decline price difference price discount price fixing price flexibility price inclusive duty price inclusive VAT price increase price index price level price limit pricelist price offer price reduction

# investment investuar)

investment adviser

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shumëzues i buxhetit të

bilanc tregtie i barazuar deficit në bilancin e pagesave zërat e bilancit shumë bilanci

#### çmim

barazim i çmimeve marrëveshje për çmim llogaritja e çmimeve listë e çmimeve ndryshim i çmimeve reklamim çmimesh kontrolli i çmimeve rënie e çmimeve diferencë çmimi rabat, zbritje çmimi fiksim çmimi fleksibilitet i çmimit çmim me doganë çmim me TVSH rritje e çmimit indeks i çmimeve nivel i çmimeve kufi i çmimit çmimore ofertë çmimi ulje çmimi

#### investim (i kapitalit, kapital i

konsulent për investime

investment bank investment broker investment centre investment contract investment enterprise investment expense investment fund investment grade investment policy investment programme investor

#### payment

payment against documents payment at tenor payment before due date payment by annual instalment payment by bank draft payment by cheque payment by instalments payment by transfer payment condition payment day payment facilitation payment in advance payment in full payment in kind payment of a debit payment of compensation payment order payment plan payment slip payment within a term investor

bankë investimesh ndërmjetës investimesh qendër investimi kontratë investimi ndërmarrje investuese dala (të-) investimi fond investimi shkallë investimi politikë investimi program investimi

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#### **Conclusions**

The process of Albanianisation in the terminology of the economy is related to a variety of features which in this process are noticed in the general Albanian language as well, because the lexical units of these two parts infiltrate into each other and the features of the one affect the other.

The drastic development of the economy will influence the development and enrichment of its terminology (of economics) with the same intensity, with new notions and terms.

In the terminology of the economy, a foreign fund is still being used, mainly for new notions and fields, especially since after 1999. It is also noticed that besides many of these foreign terms, is the Albanian term as well, sometimes as a translation and sometimes as a new word created with the tools of the Albanian languages.

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