THE APPLICATION OF CONTEMPORARY DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES IN LINGUISTICS AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION

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Abstract: *The article examines the transformative impact of modern digital technologies on the fields of linguistics and foreign language teaching. It explores the transition from traditional methodologies to a digital-centric paradigm, highlighting the roles of corpus linguistics, Natural Language Processing (NLP), and Artificial Intelligence (AI). The paper analyzes how these tools enhance the development of the "linguistic personality" in the digital age and discusses the pedagogical shift toward personalized, technology-mediated learning environments.*

Key words: *Digital Linguistics, Language Pedagogy, Artificial Intelligence, Corpus Linguistics, NLP, Language Learning Applications (LLA), Anthropocentrism.*

Introduction

The 21st century has ushered in an era of unprecedented technological advancement, fundamentally altering how we perceive and interact with language. In the context of modern philology, the shift toward an anthropocentric paradigm has been accelerated by digitalization. Language is no longer viewed merely as a static system of signs but as a dynamic, cognitive-communicative tool deeply embedded in digital environments. This article explores how digital tools serve as both an object of linguistic study and a vehicle for language instruction.

The contemporary landscape of philological science is undergoing a profound transformation, driven by the convergence of traditional linguistic theories and the rapid advancement of digital technologies. At the heart of this shift lies the anthropocentric paradigm, which reorients the focus of research from the abstract mechanics of language to the human being as a dynamic bearer of communicative and cognitive abilities. In this context, the digital environment is no longer just a tool for data processing; it has become a fundamental space where the modern linguistic personality (LP) is formed, expressed, and studied. The expansion of the linguistic personality into the digital realm has necessitated the introduction of the concept of the **"virtual linguistic personality."** Unlike the traditional speaker, the virtual personality operates in a space where physical cues are replaced by multimodal signs—emojis, hashtags, memes, and hyperlinks. This shift significantly alters the **verbal-semantic level**, as the individual's "lexicon" now includes non-verbal graphic components that carry heavy semantic weight. In this environment, the frequency of specific "digital-born" units allows linguists to map the adaptation of the speaker to the speed of synchronous communication. The digitalization of the lexicon is not merely an addition of new words; it is a fundamental restructuring of how linguistic economy is practiced. The tendency toward abbreviation and the use of visual metaphors reflects a cognitive drive to maintain high communicative efficiency in high-traffic information streams.

On the **linguo-cognitive level**, the digital age has transformed the "thesaurus" or the individual's world picture. The constant exposure to a globalized, hyper-connected information environment leads to the "averaging" of certain conceptual structures while simultaneously allowing for the emergence of highly specialized micro-discourses. For

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a language learner, this means that acquiring a foreign language now involves navigating "global" concepts that transcend national borders. The cognitive level of the linguistic personality must now manage a dual identity: the national-cultural identity and the global-digital identity. This duality presents a unique challenge for pedagogy, as educators must help students reconcile their native cultural values with the often standardized or "westernized" values embedded in major digital platforms and AI training datasets.

The role of **Artificial Intelligence and Large Language Models (LLMs)** represents a pivotal point in this evolution. For the first time in history, the linguistic personality interacts with a "non-human" entity that possesses a vast, albeit simulated, linguistic arsenal. This interaction impacts the **motivational-pragmatic level** by shifting the goals of communication. Learners are no longer just practicing to speak with native humans; they are learning to "prompt" or "engineer" language to elicit specific outputs from machines. This "prompt engineering" is, in itself, a new form of pragmatic competence. It requires a high degree of precision and an understanding of how semantic structures are processed by algorithms, further blurring the line between human linguistics and computer science.

Moreover, the pedagogical shift toward **Digital Literacy** is no longer optional. A modern linguistic personality must possess the "critical digital awareness" to distinguish between human-generated and AI-generated content, and to recognize algorithmic bias. In the classroom, this means moving beyond the "correctness" of grammar toward the "appropriateness" and "authenticity" of discourse. The teacher's role has evolved into that of a **curator of digital experiences**, guiding the learner through a sea of infinite content to find high-quality, relevant input. This transformation supports the development of the "secondary linguistic personality"—a concept suggesting that learning a new language is akin to birthing a second version of oneself, one that is now increasingly mediated by digital tools.

The ethical dimensions of this transformation cannot be ignored. As language becomes increasingly data-driven, there is a risk of losing the "peripheral" or "low-frequency" linguistic forms—dialects, rare idioms, and idiosyncratic styles—that do not fit into the efficiency-oriented models of AI. The modern linguistic personality faces a choice: to conform to the standardized "digital average" or to use digital tools as a springboard for creative, individual expression. Language pedagogy must, therefore, emphasize **creativity and emotional intelligence**, qualities that remain uniquely human even in a world dominated by sophisticated algorithms.

The methodological evolution of linguistics has moved from the structural analysis of isolated texts to the study of massive datasets, facilitated by corpus linguistics. This transition has allowed researchers to observe the "verbal-semantic" level of the linguistic personality with unprecedented precision. By utilizing large-scale corpora and concordance software, linguists can now identify patterns of language change, frequency of neologisms, and the evolution of stylistic norms in real-time. This empirical rigor provides a foundation for understanding how digital communication—characterized by speed, multimodality, and the blurring of boundaries between oral and written speech—impacts the individual's internal "linguistic arsenal."

Furthermore, the integration of Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) has opened new horizons for the "linguo-cognitive" level of analysis. Modern linguistic research now employs machine learning algorithms to reconstruct the

"picture of the world" inherent in different cultures and social groups. By analyzing how concepts like "freedom," "success," or "technology" are framed in digital discourses, researchers can map the shifting values of the globalized linguistic personality. This cognitive mapping is essential for foreign language pedagogy, as it allows for a more nuanced approach to teaching cultural connotations and conceptual frameworks, moving beyond mere vocabulary acquisition.

In the realm of language pedagogy, the transition to a digital-centric model is most evident in the development of Computer-Assisted Language Learning (CALL) and Mobile-Assisted Language Learning (MALL). These methodologies have effectively decentralized the classroom, empowering learners to develop their "motivational-pragmatic" level through autonomous interaction. The use of gamified platforms and intelligent tutoring systems allows for a personalized learning trajectory, where the difficulty and content are adjusted in real-time based on the user's performance. This adaptability addresses the core of the linguistic personality's pragmaticon—the ability to achieve specific communicative goals in a variety of contexts.

The emergence of Generative AI, such as Large Language Models, represents perhaps the most significant disruption in the history of language teaching. These tools act as sophisticated "interlocutors" that provide learners with a safe, low-anxiety environment to practice complex syntactical structures and pragmatic strategies. AI-driven feedback loops offer immediate correction and stylistic suggestions, fostering a level of meta-linguistic awareness that was previously difficult to achieve in traditional settings. However, this also poses a challenge for educators: the need to redefine "fluency" and "authorship" in an age where machine-assisted communication is the norm.

Moreover, the use of Virtual (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) in the classroom has revolutionized the concept of immersion. By simulating authentic socio-cultural environments, these technologies allow students to practice language within the specific cultural codes and behavioral expectations of the target language. This "situated learning" strengthens the link between linguistic form and pragmatic intent, ensuring that the learner does not just know the language, but knows how to *be* a linguistic personality within that culture.

The synergy between digital technology and linguistic science has created a new, integrative field that prioritizes the human element within the digital flow. The modern linguistic personality is increasingly a "digital linguistic personality," capable of navigating complex virtual discourses and utilizing technological tools to enhance cognitive and communicative reach. For the field of pedagogy, this necessitates a shift from teaching language as a static set of rules to teaching it as a flexible, tech-mediated competency. As we look forward, the challenge remains to harmonize the efficiency of digital tools with the deep, irreplaceable human intuition that lies at the core of all language.

Conclusion

The synthesis of digital tools and anthropocentric linguistics provides a robust framework for addressing the challenges of 21st-century communication. By leveraging corpus data, AI-driven personalization, and immersive environments, we can foster a more sophisticated, culturally aware, and technologically proficient linguistic personality. The future of both linguistics and language pedagogy lies in this hybrid

space, where human creativity is amplified by digital precision, ensuring that language remains a vibrant and evolving bridge between individuals in a digitalized world.

In summary, the evolution of the linguistic personality in the digital age is not a departure from human-centered philology but its ultimate expansion. By leveraging corpus data for precision, AI for emotional support, and immersive environments for cultural depth, we are equipping the modern individual with a **dynamic communicative toolkit**. The future of language pedagogy lies in this hybrid space, where human intuition and creativity are reinforced by digital speed. Ultimately, language remains a vibrant and evolving bridge; technology simply provides the architecture to make that bridge wider, more inclusive, and more resilient in a globalized world.

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