

# The Ethical Dimension of Minority Language Bible Translation in the Present Context of Globalization

(An abstract)

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The present paper aims at exploring the ethical dimension of minority language Bible translation in the present context of globalization. The term “minority” is often understood as referring to the numerical size of the community, but in the present context of globalization it actually refers to under-privileged groups with few rights. Drawn into the tension between the ethics of stewardship and the ethics of mission, how should the UBS prioritize and position itself in the conflict between minority language right and globalization? Attention is also given to how the UNESCO’s initiatives (as expressed in the report entitled “Our Creative Diversity”) in safeguarding minority language rights, and the characterization of the sociolinguistic situation of endangered languages (as found in the document entitled “Language Vitality and Endangerment”) would enhance our prioritization task.