Record Nr. UNINA9910796608003321 Autore Pharo Lars Kirkhusmo **Titolo** Concepts of conversion: the politics of missionary scriptural translations / / Lars Kirkhusmo Pharo Pubbl/distr/stampa Berlin, [Germany];; Boston, [Massachusetts]:,: De Gruyter,, 2018 ©2018 **ISBN** 3-11-049704-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (330 pages): illustrations Religion and Society, , 1437-5370; ; Volume 70 Collana Disciplina 410 Linguistic analysis (Linguistics) Soggetti Language and languages **United States** Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Frontmatter -- Acknowledgements -- Contents -- Fundamental Nota di contenuto Importance of Language and Translation -- I. Theology and Politics of Missionary Linguistics -- II. Conversion in Language and Semiotic Ideologies -- III. Sociocultural and Political Ideologies -- IV. The Politics of Translating Christian Moral Philosophy -- V. Moral Philosophy of Translated Christology -- Conceptualization of missionary linguistic scriptural translations -- Bibliography -- Index Sommario/riassunto There has not been conducted much research in religious studies and (linguistic) anthropology analysing Protestant missionary linguistic translations. Contemporary Protestant missionary linguists employ grammars, dictionaries, literacy campaigns, and translations of the Bible (in particular the New Testament) in order to convert local cultures. The North American institutions SIL and Wycliffe Bible Translators (WBT) are one of the greatest scientific-evangelical missionary enterprises in the world. The ultimate objective is to translate the Bible to every language. The author has undertaken systematic research, employing comparative linguistic methodology and field interviews, for a history-of-ideas/religions and

epistemologies explication of translated SIL missionary linguistic New Testaments and its premeditated impact upon religions, languages,

sociopolitical institutions, and cultures. In addition to taking into account the history of missionary linguistics in America and theological principles of SIL/WBT, the author has examined the intended cultural transformative effects of Bible translations upon cognitive and linguistic systems. A theoretical analytic model of conversion and translation has been put forward for comparative research of religion, ideology, and knowledge systems.