How 'legal' translation affects life, the universe and everything

After explaining their broad interpretation of 'legal' translation, the speakers will discuss how it affects individuals, businesses, and the economy. People's finances, health and even their very lives can be at risk. Companies' rights, assets and reputations can be seriously compromised. Even States can be impacted by the wide-ranging and far-reaching repercussions that translation can have.

The talk will be divided into two parts: the first looking at what can and does go wrong, and the second examining reasons and potential mitigation strategies.

In presenting their arguments the speakers will draw from over a decade of research into this specific area; a number of theoretical frameworks that they have developed; and their extensive dataset of court cases.

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