

Trends in Applied Linguistics

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Abstract: The development of applied linguistics plays a very important role in the development of modern society and culture. The main research work of applied linguistics in our country is divided into two stages: starting and developing. Through the timely combing of the research methods and the objective review, the research work becomes an important driving force to promote the continuous development of applied linguistics. This paper analyzes and combs the development trend of applied language research methods in detail to provide important support for further development of applied linguistics in China.

1. The Initial Stage of Applied Linguistics

With the further study of applied linguistics, the research of applied linguistics in China is becoming more and more mature. In the field of applied linguistics research in our country, for a long time there is only attention to the research work of applied linguistics, but the conscious summary and effective extraction of the research methods are ignored, which leads to the lack of corresponding summary and guidance links in the research work of applied linguistics in our country, which seriously affects the quality and efficiency of the research work of applied linguistics. With the all-round development of our country's social economy, the research work of applied linguistics has made great progress, and more attention has been paid to the summary and refinement of the research methods. In recent years, the emphasis on theory and methodology has been deepened, which indicates that the development of applied linguistics is becoming more and more mature, which is of great practical significance.

(1) The beginning of a tendency to attach importance to research methods

As early as the 1980s, when the study of applied linguistics in china's academic circles, has begun to attach importance to the significance of research methods, mainly because some researchers began to pay attention to the field of applied linguistics research methods and explore. At that time, Chen Yuan, Chen Zhanhai and others, are representatives of the tendency to attach importance to research methods. This part of scholars in the process of carrying out applied linguistics research, began to generalize, induce, analyze, discuss, think, explore and so on, which has played an important role in the development of applied linguistics research methods in China.

(2) Practical Application and Progress of Applied Linguistics

1) Hierarchy Theory, Dialectical Thinking Method and Dynamic Thought

In the work of language research, we should pay attention to the thought method and dynamic multi-angle verification of this point of view, first put forward by xing fuyi, and in the practical research work, this point of view is applied to the practical process, which has become one of the earliest practical applications of applied linguistics research methods in the initial stage. In the middle and late 1990s, mr yu also put forward a series of research theories and methods on language norms for applied linguistics research, and applied them to practical research. In this period, these research theories and methods are mainly expressed as hierarchical theory and dialectical thinking method. In the work of applied linguistics, dialectical view and use of these theoretical methods have also become the main characteristics of the development of applied linguistics research methods in this period.

2) Introduction of Advanced Theory and Application of Part of Empirical Methods

In the process of cultural exchange, the research work of applied linguistics in China is inevitably influenced by foreign theories and methods. In the 1980s, foreign research theories and methods began to be introduced into our country in large numbers. In the process of studying applied linguistics, academic circles have applied more and more advanced theories and methods abroad. In this period of time, due to the introduction and application of foreign theories and methods, the research work of applied linguistics in our country has made great progress. For example, the research on teaching Chinese as a foreign language, supported by foreign theories and methods, has made great progress in this period. During this period, the explanatory power of applied linguistics has been greatly enhanced, and the related research work has been pushed away from the traditional empirical research mode, and has been developing towards a more scientific and rigorous direction.

3) The production of important methodology and practical operation method

After introducing foreign theories and methods, and promoting the great development of applied linguistics research methods in the process of practical application, on this basis, the research methods of applied linguistics in our country have also begun to produce some new and very important methods of methodology and practical operation. For example, from the middle and late 1980s to the early 1990s, the famous scholar wang xijie put forward the language potential, the obvious theory, and the root yuan deepened its development. The emergence of these important methods and practical operation methods has prompted many scholars to rethink their views on language and norms, and to develop a new understanding of applied linguistics research methods. It should be noted that in the process, the western deductive methods play an important role in the development of applied linguistics research methods, so far, deductive methods play an extremely important role in the study of applied linguistics [1].

2. The Development Stage of Applied Linguistics

From 1999 to present, it is the development stage of applied linguistics research method in our country. In our country, applied linguistics as an independent subject officially, is from 1984, the development of applied linguistics in our country has reached a platform, and has formed several more mature branch disciplines. In this stage, three major events have a profound impact on the development of applied linguistics in China. First, in 1997, the Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council promulgated the "Catalogue of Subjects and Specialties Granted to Doctoral and Master's Degrees and Graduate Students," in which applied linguistics was included in the field of Chinese linguistics; secondly, the Beijing Broadcasting Institute, now the Communication University of China, established the Department of Applied Linguistics in 1999, formally established the important position of applied linguistics; and finally, the fourth Applied Linguistics Symposium, held in the same year, put the research on applied linguistics on the agenda.

(1) The emphasis on applied linguistics has been rapidly improved

Since 1999, the construction of applied linguistics research methods in our country has entered a period of rapid development. In this period, people's understanding of applied linguistics research methods has entered a new level, and the importance of applied linguistics research methods has been rapidly improved. During this period, there was an upsurge in the study of applied linguistics. At the same time, a large number of scholars have created a large number of related works, and the number of relevant seminars has increased greatly. These scholars and researchers, from different angles or fields, put forward their own opinions on the research methods of applied linguistics, and produced many new ideas. It can be said that in this time, China's applied linguistics research methods have made great progress, and the depth and breadth of the research methods have made a great breakthrough on the basis of the previous period.

(2) Practical application of applied linguistics research methods

1) To further implement the dynamic and develop the concept of dialectical thinking

With the deepening of the understanding of applied linguistics research methods, the relevant scholars have a deeper understanding of the dynamic nature of language, and this theory has begun

to be widely used in the field of applied linguistics research, which has been recognized by more and more scholars and researchers and applied in the research process. In this stage, based on the dynamic nature of language, the academic circles put forward new views on the construction of language norms and standards, and put forward the construction method of experience and statistics for language norms and standards, which is a great progress in the research methods of applied linguistics in China [2].

2) The empirical research and multi-method combination have made great progress

In this period, for the applied linguistics research methods, put forward a variety of methods combined with the application of a new point of view, this is this stage, applied linguistics research methods development of the remarkable characteristics. In addition, in this stage of research on applied linguistics, a large number of empirical methods, such as quantitative, experimental and other empirical methods (see Table 1, Table 2, Table 3), which means that the research methods of applied linguistics in our country are no longer a single study based on traditional experience, but rather start with scientific, rigorous, and clearly indexed research methods. The scientific development of applied linguistics research method plays an important role in further promoting its rapid development.

Table 1 Research form

Annual division	Total number of papers	Quantitative research		Experimental study	
		Quantity	Proportion	Quantity	Proportion
1992-1998	499	54	11%	11	2%
1999-2008	729	177	24%	40	5%

Table 2 Research form

Annual division	Total number of papers	Quantitative research		Experimental study	
		Quantity	Proportion	Quantity	Proportion
2006	72	23	32%	5	7%
2007	70	22	31%	5	7%
2008	67	25	37%	7	10%

Table 3 Research form

Annual division	Total number of papers	Research on Materiality	
		Quantity	Proportion
1992-1998	499	65	13%
1999-2008	729	188	26%
2006-2008	209	72	34%

3) Produced many important methodology and practical operation method

This period has produced many very important methodology and practical operation methods, which is of great significance to the development of applied linguistics research in China. For example, Li Yuming put forward the idea of "compound frame of reference ", which plays an extremely important role in establishing language norms. At present, the study of language norms has fully recognized the important role of authoritative regional dialects, and in the process of language norms construction, the important factor of authoritative social dialects has been fully analyzed and referenced, which provides a very important theoretical value for the study of language norms, and is also of great practical significance to promote the development of applied linguistics research methods.[3].

3. Conclusion

At present, the development achievements of applied linguistics in our country are still more effective, and the overall research level is relatively low, so we need to pay more attention to it and strengthen the research. On the one hand, we should actively introduce foreign advanced theoretical methods, the other method should be combined with the actual development of applied linguistics in China, adopt appropriate research methods to improve the scientific nature and effectiveness of

research methods, so as to promote the continuous optimization of applied linguistics research methods.

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