



# Algorithmic Multilingualism and Institutional Discourse Transformation: A Comparative Corpus-Based Analysis of AI-Mediated Academic Communication on ChatGPT and DeepL

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## ABSTRACT

The rapid integration of generative artificial intelligence into academic communication has transformed multilingual discourse production, institutional literacy practices, and epistemic authority within higher education environments. This study investigates how AI-mediated language technologies reshape academic discourse structures through a comparative corpus-based analysis of ChatGPT and DeepL Write as two distinct communicative systems operating within global academic multilingualism. Drawing upon critical discourse analysis, computational linguistics, and sociolinguistic theory, the article examines 1.8 million words of AI-assisted academic writing generated across multilingual university contexts involving English-dominant and multilingual users from European and East Asian institutions. The study compares lexical density, hedging strategies, interactional metadiscourse, semantic simplification, and discourse alignment across the two platforms. The findings demonstrate that ChatGPT facilitates discursive expansion and rhetorical adaptation through dialogic interaction, whereas DeepL Write prioritizes grammatical optimization and linguistic standardization. These divergent communicative architectures generate distinct socio-linguistic consequences for multilingual academic identity construction, institutional legitimacy, and language policy

adaptation. The evidence further indicates that AI-mediated discourse systems increasingly function as institutional gatekeeping mechanisms that influence epistemic participation and linguistic inclusion within global higher education. This article contributes to contemporary linguistics scholarship by proposing a model of algorithmic multilingualism in which AI platforms operate not merely as technological tools but as discourse-regulating infrastructures shaping linguistic norms, communicative authority, and educational transformation across transnational academic environments.

**Keywords:** AI-mediated discourse, multilingualism, academic communication, corpus linguistics, digital discourse, sociolinguistics, language technology, critical discourse analysis, institutional communication, computational linguistics

## INTRODUCTION

The expansion of artificial intelligence within educational and communicative ecosystems has fundamentally altered the linguistic infrastructures through which academic knowledge is produced, circulated, and legitimized. Across global higher education systems, AI-assisted writing technologies increasingly mediate multilingual communication, scholarly productivity, institutional literacy practices, and professional discourse formation. The emergence of large language models such as ChatGPT alongside AI-enhanced language refinement systems such as DeepL Write represents a substantial transformation in the relationship between language, institutional authority, and digital communication practices. These developments have intensified scholarly debates concerning algorithmic mediation, linguistic inequality, communicative standardization, and epistemic access within multilingual academic environments (Canagarajah, 2022; Pennycook, 2024; UNESCO, 2023).

Global communication trends indicate that English continues to function as the dominant language of scientific publication and institutional knowledge circulation despite increasing linguistic diversification within transnational academic systems (Hyland & Jiang, 2021). OECD (2024) data demonstrate that more than 72% of indexed scientific publications remain English-dominant even as international student mobility and multilingual participation continue to expand across Asia, Europe, and Africa. Simultaneously, AI-mediated writing systems have become embedded within institutional communication infrastructures, particularly within academic writing support, translation, peer-review preparation, and multilingual educational environments. UNESCO (2023) argues that generative AI increasingly shapes pedagogical interaction, discourse production, and educational governance, thereby transforming the linguistic mechanisms through which academic legitimacy is constructed.

Within applied linguistics and sociolinguistics scholarship, digital discourse technologies have long been understood as socio-technical systems that regulate communicative practices through ideological and institutional structures (Fairclough, 1995; Blommaert, 2020). However, recent AI-mediated communication environments differ substantially from earlier digital writing systems because contemporary generative AI not only facilitates communication but actively produces, restructures, and optimizes discourse itself. This

transformation introduces new forms of algorithmic linguistic authority in which computational systems influence lexical selection, rhetorical organization, interactional politeness, and genre conformity across institutional contexts.

Previous scholarship has emphasized several dimensions of AI-mediated communication. Computational linguistics research has explored semantic prediction, language generation, and transformer-based discourse architectures (Brown et al., 2020; Bommasani et al., 2021). Applied linguistics studies have examined AI-assisted language learning, automated writing evaluation, and multilingual pedagogical adaptation (Li & Lan, 2023; Xu, 2024). Sociolinguistic research has investigated digital language ideologies, platform governance, and communicative inequality within online environments (Tagg & Seargeant, 2022). Other linguists argue that AI writing technologies contribute to the normalization of Anglo-centric academic discourse structures by privileging standardized rhetorical conventions over localized multilingual expression (Lillis & Curry, 2021; Piller, 2023).

Nevertheless, existing language science literature remains limited in several important respects. First, many studies examine AI writing tools as pedagogical instruments rather than discourse-producing institutional actors. Second, current scholarship frequently focuses on user attitudes or ethical concerns while underexamining the linguistic structures generated through AI-mediated communication itself. Third, comparative analyses between different AI communication architectures remain insufficiently developed despite substantial differences in how generative and corrective AI systems organize discourse production. Fourth, research rarely integrates corpus linguistics, critical discourse analysis, and sociolinguistic institutional analysis within a unified analytical framework capable of explaining broader communicative transformation.

This gap is particularly significant because AI-mediated academic communication increasingly shapes institutional participation and educational inclusion. Academic discourse functions not merely as linguistic exchange but as a system of symbolic capital through which legitimacy, expertise, and authority are negotiated (Bourdieu, 1991). Consequently, the integration of AI within multilingual academic communication raises critical questions concerning whose linguistic norms become institutionalized, how communicative authority is redistributed, and whether AI technologies reinforce or mitigate linguistic inequalities within global academia.

Recent scholarship demonstrates emerging tensions surrounding these developments. Hyland and Jiang (2021) observe increasing standardization within international academic writing as institutions prioritize globally recognizable rhetorical structures. Similarly, Zappavigna (2023) argues that digital communicative systems reshape interactional meaning-making through platform-dependent discourse conventions. Meanwhile, studies in educational linguistics suggest that multilingual students increasingly rely upon AI systems to negotiate institutional writing expectations, particularly within English-medium universities (Lee & Schallert, 2024). However, current research has not sufficiently explained how different AI platforms generate distinct linguistic and socio-cultural outcomes.

The distinction between generative conversational AI and AI-enhanced corrective systems is theoretically important because these technologies embody different communicative logics. ChatGPT operates through dialogic co-construction in which users iteratively negotiate meaning with an adaptive language model. DeepL Write, by contrast, functions through optimization-oriented linguistic refinement emphasizing grammaticality, conciseness, and standardized fluency. These divergent architectures may shape multilingual discourse practices differently, thereby influencing institutional communication norms and identity performance.

Critical discourse analysis provides an important framework for examining these transformations because it conceptualizes language as socially situated and institutionally structured (Fairclough, 1995; Wodak & Meyer, 2016). Within AI-mediated communication environments, discourse becomes algorithmically filtered through computational predictions that privilege particular linguistic forms over others. From a sociolinguistic perspective, this process may contribute to what Blommaert (2020) describes as scalar inequalities in which certain communicative practices gain legitimacy through institutional circulation while alternative forms become marginalized.

Corpus linguistics further enables systematic examination of these dynamics by identifying patterns of lexical density, metadiscourse, interactional stance, and rhetorical organization across large datasets (Baker, 2006). When combined with computational discourse analysis, corpus-based approaches allow researchers to identify how AI systems structure communicative adaptation across multilingual contexts. Such analyses are increasingly necessary because AI-mediated discourse now influences publication practices, academic gatekeeping, peer interaction, and educational assessment within transnational universities.

This article therefore addresses a significant theoretical and empirical gap by conducting a comparative corpus-based analysis of AI-mediated academic communication across ChatGPT and DeepL Write. The study investigates how these platforms shape multilingual academic discourse through distinct communicative architectures and institutional functions. Specifically, the article examines lexical complexity, interactional metadiscourse, hedging structures, semantic standardization, and multilingual adaptation across AI-generated academic writing samples produced within European and East Asian higher education contexts.

The novelty of this study lies in four principal contributions. First, it conceptualizes AI platforms as institutional discourse infrastructures rather than neutral technological tools. Second, it integrates corpus linguistics, critical discourse analysis, and sociolinguistic institutional theory within a comparative analytical framework. Third, it empirically demonstrates how different AI architectures generate divergent communicative and socio-cultural outcomes. Fourth, it develops the concept of algorithmic multilingualism to explain how AI-mediated communication restructures linguistic legitimacy within global academic systems.

The analytical framework of this study proposes the following causal relationship:

AI-mediated language systems → discourse restructuring → communicative adaptation → institutional legitimacy formation → socio-cultural transformation.

Within this framework, language technologies influence communicative practices not solely through efficiency enhancement but through normative regulation of acceptable academic discourse. Consequently, AI systems increasingly mediate the relationship between multilingual identity, institutional participation, and epistemic authority.

This study argues that AI-mediated discourse platforms function as linguistic governance systems that reshape multilingual academic communication through algorithmic standardization, rhetorical adaptation, and institutional normalization. The research objective is therefore to comparatively analyze how ChatGPT and DeepL Write transform multilingual academic discourse practices and to examine the broader linguistic, educational, and socio-cultural implications of these transformations within transnational higher education environments.

## **METHODOLOGY**

This study employed a comparative mixed-methods corpus-based discourse analytical design integrating critical discourse analysis, computational linguistic analysis, and sociolinguistic institutional interpretation. The comparative framework was theoretically grounded in Fairclough's (1995) model of discourse as social practice, Bourdieu's (1991) theory of linguistic capital, and contemporary scholarship on digital multilingualism and AI-mediated communication (Pennycook, 2024; Tagg & Seargeant, 2022). The empirical dataset consisted of approximately 1.8 million words of AI-assisted academic writing collected between 2023 and 2025 from multilingual postgraduate writing environments in universities located in the United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, and Canada. The corpus included English-medium research abstracts, literature reviews, discussion sections, grant proposals, and institutional communication texts generated through ChatGPT and DeepL Write by multilingual users operating within English-dominant academic systems. The comparative design was selected to identify how distinct AI communicative architectures shape discourse production differently across institutional and socio-cultural contexts. Units of analysis included lexical density, epistemic hedging, interactional metadiscourse, semantic compression, rhetorical sequencing, multilingual transfer features, and discourse standardization patterns. Quantitative corpus analysis was conducted using frequency distribution analysis, collocation mapping, keyword analysis, and metadiscourse tagging, while qualitative discourse analysis examined rhetorical positioning, identity construction, institutional alignment, and communicative adaptation.

The methodological alignment between corpus linguistics and critical discourse analysis enabled triangulation between computational evidence and socio-cultural interpretation. Institutional policy documents concerning AI governance, multilingual education, and academic integrity from UNESCO, the European Commission, OECD, and participating universities were additionally analyzed to contextualize communicative practices within broader governance structures. Comparative validity was strengthened through cross-platform analysis, intercoder reliability procedures for discourse annotation, and iterative analytical calibration across

multilingual datasets. Ethical considerations focused on anonymization, institutional consent, and non-identification of individual users or academic submissions. The study recognizes several limitations, including the predominance of English-medium academic discourse, the rapidly evolving architecture of generative AI systems, and uneven institutional adoption across global educational environments. Nevertheless, the methodological framework provides robust explanatory capacity for understanding how AI-mediated communication restructures multilingual discourse practices and institutional language dynamics within contemporary higher education systems.

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## **Findings and Discussion**

### **1. AI-Mediated Lexical Standardization and Academic Discourse Restructuring**

The comparative corpus evidence demonstrates substantial differences in how ChatGPT and DeepL Write structure lexical complexity and rhetorical organization within multilingual academic discourse. ChatGPT-generated texts exhibited significantly higher lexical diversity, greater clause expansion, and more interactional framing devices than DeepL Write outputs. By contrast, DeepL Write consistently produced higher grammatical compression, reduced lexical ambiguity, and stronger adherence to conventional academic stylistic norms.

The linguistic findings indicate that ChatGPT facilitates discursive elaboration through predictive semantic expansion. Multilingual users frequently employed iterative prompting strategies to negotiate rhetorical tone, disciplinary positioning, and argumentative coherence. Consequently, ChatGPT-generated discourse displayed elevated frequencies of interactional metadiscourse markers such as “this study argues,” “the findings suggest,” and “it is important to consider.” These structures enhanced discursive negotiation and interpretive flexibility within academic communication.

DeepL Write, however, demonstrated stronger tendencies toward linguistic normalization. The platform systematically reduced redundancy, minimized syntactic irregularity, and optimized sentence economy. Although this increased readability and grammatical fluency, it also reduced rhetorical individuality and multilingual stylistic variation. The evidence suggests that DeepL Write privileges institutional conformity over discursive experimentation, thereby reinforcing standardized Anglo-American academic norms.

These findings align partially with Hyland’s (2022) observations concerning increasing homogenization within global academic writing. However, the present study extends previous scholarship by demonstrating that AI systems themselves actively participate in this homogenization process. Rather than merely supporting language users, AI platforms increasingly shape the discursive structures through which academic legitimacy is recognized.

From a sociolinguistic perspective, this reflects broader dynamics of linguistic capital within transnational academia. Users whose communicative practices align with algorithmically privileged discourse forms gain enhanced institutional readability and evaluative legitimacy. Consequently, AI-mediated communication may intensify symbolic inequalities by privileging standardized rhetorical conventions associated with dominant academic cultures.

The comparative evidence further indicates that multilingual users strategically adapt to these systems differently. East Asian users operating within English-medium academic environments relied more heavily on DeepL Write for grammatical refinement and institutional conformity, whereas European multilingual users more frequently used ChatGPT for argumentative elaboration and discursive positioning. This divergence reflects differing institutional pressures surrounding academic legitimacy and linguistic performance.

Educationally, these patterns suggest that AI writing systems increasingly mediate academic literacy acquisition. Rather than solely learning disciplinary discourse from instructors or scholarly communities, students now negotiate communicative competence through interaction with algorithmic systems. This transformation may fundamentally alter pedagogical models of academic writing instruction and multilingual literacy development.

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## 2. Interactional Metadiscourse and Algorithmic Identity Construction

A second major finding concerns the role of AI systems in shaping interactional metadiscourse and multilingual identity performance. ChatGPT-generated texts exhibited substantially higher frequencies of engagement markers, stance expressions, and dialogic framing than DeepL Write outputs. These linguistic patterns indicate that conversational AI architectures encourage performative academic subjectivity through simulated interactional exchange.

The comparative discourse evidence demonstrates that ChatGPT users frequently produced authorial positioning strategies emphasizing reflexivity, interpretive caution, and collaborative epistemic framing. Expressions such as “this article contributes,” “the analysis indicates,” and “future studies may consider” occurred at significantly higher frequencies than within DeepL Write datasets. Such constructions reflect institutionalized academic identity practices associated with global English-medium scholarship.

By contrast, DeepL Write outputs displayed stronger tendencies toward depersonalized academic discourse. Sentences were more likely to prioritize informational clarity over interactional negotiation. This communicative orientation reflects a corrective rather than dialogic architecture in which linguistic optimization supersedes discursive co-construction.

These distinctions are theoretically significant because they demonstrate how AI architectures mediate identity construction differently. Following Bucholtz and Hall’s (2005) framework of identity as interactionally produced, AI-mediated discourse environments may now function as co-constructive participants in academic identity formation. Users do not merely communicate through AI systems; they increasingly perform institutionally legible academic identities with them.

The findings further indicate that multilingual scholars strategically use AI systems to negotiate epistemic insecurity within English-dominant publication environments. Many users employed ChatGPT to simulate disciplinary authority and argumentative sophistication, particularly within grant applications and article introductions. This suggests that AI systems increasingly mediate access to symbolic legitimacy within international

academia.

However, the evidence also reveals risks of discursive flattening. Repeated exposure to AI-generated rhetorical patterns contributed to convergence toward highly standardized academic voice structures. Corpus analysis identified recurrent overuse of generalized evaluative phrases and formulaic argumentative transitions. Such repetition may reduce rhetorical diversity and suppress localized academic discourse traditions.

Comparison with previous scholarship reveals both continuity and divergence. While Lillis and Curry (2021) emphasized editorial mediation within transnational academic publishing, the present findings suggest that AI systems increasingly assume analogous gatekeeping functions prior to formal publication processes. AI-mediated discourse therefore constitutes a new layer of institutional linguistic regulation operating within academic production itself.

The socio-cultural implications are substantial. As AI-generated academic voice becomes normalized, multilingual scholars may experience pressure to conform to algorithmically preferred discourse structures in order to achieve institutional recognition. This may contribute to the erosion of epistemic pluralism and localized rhetorical traditions within global knowledge production.

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### 3. Comparative Matrix of Linguistic Structures, Communicative Practices, and Socio-Cultural Outcomes

**Table 1. Comparative Matrix of Linguistic Structures, Communicative Practices, and Socio-Cultural Outcomes**

Variable	Case 1: ChatGPT	Case 2: DeepL Write	Linguistic Evidence	Analytical Interpretati on
<b>Lexical Structure</b>	Expansive and semantically varied	Condensed and optimized	Higher lexical diversity in ChatGPT corpus	Generative AI supports rhetorical elaboration while corrective AI prioritizes standardizat ion
<b>Interaction al Metadiscou rse</b>	High engagement markers	Reduced dialogic framing	Frequent stance markers in ChatGPT outputs	Conversatio nal architecture facilitates performativ e academic identity
<b>Multilingua l Adaptation</b>	Flexible discourse negotiation	Grammatica l conformity	Greater syntactic experimentat ion in ChatGPT	AI systems mediate multilingual adaptation differently

<b>Institutional Alignment</b>	Adaptive rhetorical positioning	Institutional linguistic conformity	DeepL outputs aligned with formal publication norms	Corrective AI reinforces dominant institutional discourse standards
<b>Semantic Compression</b>	Lower compression	High semantic compression	DeepL outputs shorter and denser	Optimization logic privileges efficiency over discursive nuance
<b>Identity Construction</b>	Personalized academic voice	Depersonalized discourse	More self-positioning in ChatGPT corpus	AI architecture influences academic subjectivity
<b>Educational Implications</b>	Supports exploratory writing	Supports language correction	Different pedagogical usage patterns	AI platforms reshape literacy acquisition models
<b>Socio-Cultural Outcomes</b>	Encourages communicative experimentation	Reinforces standard linguistic norms	Divergent multilingual adaptation strategies	AI contributes to new forms of linguistic inequality

The comparative matrix demonstrates that AI-mediated communication cannot be understood as a technologically uniform phenomenon. Rather, different AI systems produce distinct linguistic ecologies shaped by divergent communicative architectures and institutional functions. ChatGPT promotes rhetorical negotiation, semantic expansion, and interactional identity performance, whereas DeepL Write emphasizes linguistic optimization, institutional conformity, and grammatical normalization.

These distinctions generate broader socio-cultural implications. Generative AI environments may facilitate communicative accessibility for multilingual users by enabling iterative negotiation of academic discourse. However, they may also normalize formulaic rhetorical structures through repeated predictive modeling. Corrective AI systems enhance institutional readability and grammatical legitimacy but potentially reduce rhetorical plurality and localized linguistic variation.

The evidence further demonstrates that AI-mediated communication increasingly influences educational inclusion. Students with limited familiarity with dominant academic discourse conventions rely heavily upon AI systems to navigate institutional expectations. Consequently, AI technologies function as mediators of linguistic capital within higher education.

This finding extends sociolinguistic scholarship concerning digital inequality. Previous studies focused primarily on access disparities within technological infrastructures (Tagg & Seargeant, 2022). The present analysis

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suggests that inequality now also emerges through algorithmic discourse regulation itself. Users whose communicative practices align with dominant AI-trained rhetorical norms may gain disproportionate institutional advantage.

From a language policy perspective, universities face significant challenges concerning AI governance. Existing institutional policies frequently frame AI as either ethical risk or productivity enhancement while overlooking its role in reshaping discourse norms and communicative authority. The findings indicate that AI governance frameworks should address linguistic diversity, rhetorical plurality, and multilingual inclusion alongside academic integrity concerns.

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#### **4. Algorithmic Multilingualism and Institutional Communication Transformation**

The final analytical dimension concerns the emergence of algorithmic multilingualism as a broader socio-linguistic phenomenon. The corpus evidence demonstrates that AI systems increasingly function as intermediary infrastructures connecting multilingual users with institutional communication norms. This process reshapes how linguistic legitimacy is negotiated within global academic environments.

Algorithmic multilingualism refers to the condition in which multilingual communication is mediated through predictive computational systems that regulate acceptable discourse forms. Unlike traditional multilingualism frameworks emphasizing human linguistic repertoires, algorithmic multilingualism foregrounds the institutional power of AI systems in shaping communicative legitimacy.

The comparative findings indicate that AI-mediated communication restructures institutional participation in three principal ways. First, AI systems accelerate convergence toward globally recognizable academic discourse norms. Second, they redistribute communicative authority by embedding institutional expectations within computational architectures. Third, they transform educational literacy practices through algorithmic co-authorship.

The evidence suggests that ChatGPT contributes to institutional adaptation by enabling multilingual users to simulate disciplinary discourse patterns through interactive prompting. This increases communicative accessibility but simultaneously reinforces dominant epistemic structures embedded within training datasets. DeepL Write, conversely, reinforces institutional linguistic conformity through corrective optimization mechanisms privileging standardized English-medium communication.

These dynamics reflect broader transformations in language governance. Institutional authority no longer operates solely through curriculum, peer review, or editorial evaluation; it increasingly operates through algorithmic infrastructures embedded within everyday communication practices. AI systems therefore function as discourse-regulating technologies shaping what counts as legitimate academic language.

The findings resonate with Fairclough's (1995) argument that discourse structures reproduce institutional power relations. However, AI-mediated communication introduces a new dimension in which computational

prediction itself becomes an institutional mechanism. Algorithmic systems operationalize dominant discourse norms at scale, thereby influencing linguistic behavior across transnational educational environments.

Importantly, the study also identified emergent forms of communicative resistance and adaptation. Some multilingual users intentionally modified AI-generated outputs to preserve localized rhetorical styles or culturally specific argumentative structures. Others employed hybrid strategies combining AI optimization with disciplinary voice preservation. These practices indicate that users remain active negotiators rather than passive recipients of algorithmic discourse regulation.

Nevertheless, the broader trajectory suggests increasing integration of AI systems within academic communication infrastructures. Universities, publishers, and educational institutions are progressively normalizing AI-assisted writing within institutional workflows. This normalization may reshape future understandings of authorship, literacy, linguistic competence, and academic identity.

The technological implications are equally significant. AI-mediated discourse systems increasingly influence how language technologies are evaluated within educational and institutional contexts. Metrics emphasizing fluency, readability, and coherence may inadvertently privilege standardized discourse forms over multilingual diversity and rhetorical plurality.

This article therefore argues that contemporary AI communication systems should be understood as socio-linguistic infrastructures shaping institutional participation, communicative legitimacy, and educational transformation. Their influence extends beyond efficiency enhancement into the broader restructuring of global academic discourse itself.

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## Conceptual Framework

### Algorithmic Multilingualism Framework

AI-Mediated Language Systems → Discourse Restructuring → Communicative Adaptation → Institutional Legitimacy Formation → Socio-Cultural Transformation

The proposed conceptual framework explains how AI-mediated communication technologies reshape multilingual academic discourse through interconnected linguistic and institutional mechanisms. AI-mediated language systems function as predictive discourse infrastructures embedding dominant communicative norms within computational architectures. Through interaction with these systems, users engage in discourse restructuring processes involving lexical optimization, rhetorical adaptation, and interactional alignment.

These restructuring processes generate communicative adaptation in which multilingual users modify linguistic behavior to align with institutionally recognizable discourse forms. Such adaptation subsequently influences institutional legitimacy formation because communicative conformity increasingly determines academic readability, evaluative acceptance, and symbolic credibility within transnational educational systems.

The final stage involves broader socio-cultural transformation. As AI-mediated discourse norms become institutionalized, they reshape educational literacy practices, multilingual identity performance, language policy frameworks, and epistemic participation structures. Algorithmic multilingualism therefore represents not merely technological mediation but a systemic transformation in how linguistic legitimacy and communicative authority are organized within global academia.

This framework contributes theoretically to contemporary linguistics scholarship by integrating sociolinguistic institutional theory, digital discourse analysis, and computational communication studies within a unified explanatory model. It further reconceptualizes AI systems as active participants in discourse governance rather than neutral language tools.

## CONCLUSION

This study set out to comparatively analyze how ChatGPT and DeepL Write transform multilingual academic discourse practices and to examine the broader linguistic, educational, and socio-cultural implications of these transformations within transnational higher education environments. The findings demonstrate that AI-mediated communication systems function as institutional discourse infrastructures that actively reshape linguistic norms, communicative legitimacy, and multilingual participation across global academia.

The analysis revealed substantial differences between the communicative architectures of generative conversational AI and corrective optimization-oriented AI systems. ChatGPT facilitated rhetorical elaboration, interactional metadiscourse, and adaptive academic identity construction through dialogic discourse co-production. DeepL Write, by contrast, emphasized grammatical conformity, semantic compression, and institutional linguistic standardization. These divergent architectures generated distinct communicative outcomes influencing multilingual adaptation, academic voice formation, and institutional readability.

Theoretically, this article contributes to linguistics scholarship by developing the concept of algorithmic multilingualism. This framework explains how AI-mediated communication restructures multilingual discourse through predictive computational regulation embedded within institutional communication systems. The study therefore extends sociolinguistic and discourse analytical theory by conceptualizing AI platforms as active mechanisms of linguistic governance shaping epistemic participation and symbolic legitimacy.

Empirically, the corpus-based findings demonstrate that AI systems increasingly influence academic discourse production at lexical, rhetorical, and interactional levels. Multilingual users strategically employ AI systems to negotiate institutional expectations, linguistic insecurity, and disciplinary communication norms. However, these processes also contribute to increasing rhetorical homogenization and algorithmically mediated standardization within global academic communication.

The institutional implications are substantial. Universities and educational policymakers must recognize that AI writing technologies influence not only academic integrity but also communicative inclusion, discourse diversity, and language policy implementation. Existing governance frameworks remain insufficiently equipped to address the socio-linguistic consequences of algorithmic discourse normalization. Educational institutions should therefore develop AI literacy frameworks emphasizing critical communicative awareness, multilingual diversity preservation, and rhetorical plurality.

Technologically, the findings suggest that current AI evaluation metrics privileging fluency and readability may inadvertently reinforce dominant Anglo-centric discourse norms. Language technology development should consequently incorporate greater sensitivity toward multilingual variation, culturally diverse rhetorical structures, and inclusive communicative design.

The study nevertheless faces several limitations. The dataset primarily reflects English-medium academic communication and may not fully capture AI-mediated discourse practices in non-English institutional environments. Additionally, the rapidly evolving nature of generative AI systems means that communicative patterns may continue to transform alongside technological development. Future research should therefore examine longitudinal changes in AI-mediated discourse practices, comparative analyses across additional languages, and the relationship between AI communication systems and emerging forms of digital epistemic inequality.

Ultimately, this article argues that AI-mediated communication represents a fundamental transformation in the sociolinguistic organization of academic discourse. As algorithmic systems become increasingly embedded within educational and institutional communication infrastructures, they reshape not only how language is produced but also how legitimacy, authority, and participation are negotiated within global knowledge systems. Understanding these transformations is therefore essential for contemporary linguistics scholarship seeking to explain the evolving relationship between language, technology, and institutional power in the digital age.

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