

Peer Review

Review of: "Towards a Definition of Small Literatures"

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This is a short but tremendously useful and well-informed survey. It clarifies a number of points in literary system-theories and convincingly argues for the need for a more cogent conception of small literatures. The main takeaway is that most of the current world literature debate has tended to bypass the internal dynamism and agency of small literatures in favour of an exclusive focus on relations of dependency and subordination. The manuscript also makes a useful and well-argued distinction between small literatures and migrant literature.

I have little to add to the survey itself, but would like to make two observations. The first is that the motivation for the article could be elaborated on in the beginning. One learns, later in the article, that the status of Luxembourgish literature is of importance to the discussion. This could be mentioned as part of a broader introductory motivation. There is, indeed, no consensus on the definition of small literatures - but why should this matter at all? Explain this to the reader.

My second point is that, although the authors make it clear that they can't cover everything, it would seem opportune to refer to the very recent issue of *Interventions* which has a special section on minor literatures. This is relevant to the article and would make it more updated. It might also lead to some tweaks in the discussion as it now stands.

Other than that - my congratulations to the authors on a substantial contribution to scholarship.

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