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Don Mee Choi is the author of three books of poetry and hybrid essays, and an award-winning translator of contemporary Korean women's poetry. In this pamphlet, *Translation is a Mode=Translation is an Anti-neocolonial Mode*, she explores translation and language in the context of US imperialism—through the eyes of a "foreigner;" a translator; a child in Timoka, the made-up city of Ingmar Bergman's *The Silence*; a child from a neocolony.

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