

Beyond Text Generation: a Systematic Review of Human Language, Cognition, and Meaning Construction in the Era of Generative Artificial Intelligence

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ABSTRACT

Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI), particularly Large Language Models (LLMs), has introduced new forms of interaction between humans and language technologies beyond automated text generation. This study aims to examine how generative AI transforms human language processes, cognitive activities, and meaning construction. A Systematic Literature Review (SLR) following the PRISMA 2020 framework and thematic analysis was conducted on 38 selected articles published between 2021 and 2026. The findings identified five themes: AI-mediated language production, cognitive offloading, transformation of linguistic practices, differences in human and AI meaning construction, and linguistic identity transformation. This study highlights that generative AI functions as a cognitive extension while human experience, consciousness, and contextual interpretation remain essential for meaning construction.

INTRODUCTION

Language represents one of the fundamental characteristics of human cognition and culture. Beyond communication, language functions as a symbolic system that enables humans to organize thoughts, represent experiences, and construct meanings about reality. Through linguistic processes, individuals connect knowledge, perception, memory, and social experiences, making language an essential mechanism for reasoning, identity formation, and knowledge development.

Language continuously develops alongside social, cultural, and technological transformations. Changes in communication patterns, linguistic expressions, and knowledge-sharing practices demonstrate that language reflects changes in human interaction and cognitive processes. Therefore, technologies that influence language production may also affect how humans create, interpret, and assign meaning to linguistic expressions.

The emergence of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI), particularly Large Language Models (LLMs), has significantly changed the relationship between humans and language technologies. Unlike previous AI systems that primarily focused on classification and prediction, generative AI can produce complex textual outputs, including scientific writing, creative content, programming codes, and multimodal representations through learning patterns from large-scale datasets (Bommasani et al., 2021; Brown et al., 2020).

The increasing use of generative AI in writing, education, and knowledge production has created new opportunities while raising concerns regarding human cognitive engagement. LLMs are capable of producing grammatically structured and coherent texts; however, similarity in linguistic output does not indicate similarity in linguistic capability. Human language production involves conceptualization, communicative intention, contextual interpretation, and integration of personal experiences (Levelt, 1989). In contrast, AI generates language through statistical patterns learned from data without subjective experiences or conscious understanding of meaning (Bender et al., 2021).

The integration of generative AI into human activities also introduces changes in cognitive processes. When AI assists users in generating ideas, organizing arguments, selecting linguistic expressions, and producing texts, certain cognitive activities may become externally supported. This phenomenon relates to cognitive offloading, where individuals utilize external resources to reduce cognitive demands during complex tasks (Risko & Gilbert, 2016). From the perspective of Extended Mind Theory, technology may become part of human cognitive processes when it supports thinking activities (Clark & Chalmers, 1998).

Previous studies have extensively examined generative AI from technological performance, educational effectiveness, and productivity perspectives. However, limited attention has been given to how AI-mediated language production transforms human language processes, cognitive activities, meaning construction, and linguistic identity. Existing research frequently focuses on what AI can produce, while less attention is directed toward how

interaction with AI influences the human processes involved in creating, interpreting, and assigning meaning to language.

Therefore, this study aims to systematically examine how generative AI transforms human language, cognition, and meaning construction through an interdisciplinary perspective integrating artificial intelligence, psycholinguistics, cognitive science, neuroscience, and philosophy of language. By applying a Systematic Literature Review approach, this study contributes a conceptual understanding of human-AI linguistic interaction beyond text generation.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Generative Artificial Intelligence and the Transformation of Language Production

Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI), particularly Large Language Models (LLMs), represents a significant development in computational language systems. Unlike traditional artificial intelligence approaches that primarily perform classification and prediction tasks, generative AI is designed to produce new linguistic outputs by learning complex patterns from large-scale datasets. Foundation models demonstrate the ability to generalize across various tasks because they are trained using extensive collections of text, code, and multimodal information (Bommasani et al., 2021).

Large Language Models generate language through statistical relationships among linguistic elements rather than through human-like conceptual understanding. These models can identify patterns among words, sentence structures, and contextual relationships, allowing them to produce coherent and grammatically structured texts. However, their ability to generate meaningful language does not indicate the possession of subjective experiences, consciousness, or direct interaction with the world represented by language (Bender et al., 2021).

This distinction creates an important theoretical difference between language generation and meaning construction. While AI systems can reproduce linguistic patterns associated with human communication, human language involves experiences, intentions, social relationships, and contextual interpretation. Therefore, generative AI should be understood not only as a text-generation system but also as a technology that reshapes the relationship between humans and linguistic production.

Psycholinguistic Perspective: Human Language Production

Human language production involves complex cognitive processes that extend beyond the arrangement of words and sentences. Levelt (1989) explains that language production occurs through three major stages: conceptualization, formulation, and articulation.

The conceptualization stage involves the development of ideas, intentions, and communicative goals. The formulation stage transforms conceptual information into linguistic structures, while articulation produces the final spoken or written expression. This process demonstrates that human language emerges from interactions between cognition, knowledge, experience, and communication purposes.

Unlike human language production, generative AI does not begin with personal intentions or experiences. Instead, AI produces linguistic outputs based on patterns acquired during training. Although LLMs can assist humans in writing activities, their outputs remain dependent on human evaluation, interpretation, and contextual adjustment (Kasneci et al., 2023).

Therefore, the interaction between humans and AI introduces a new form of language production in which human cognitive processes increasingly interact with external computational systems.

Cognitive Offloading and Extended Mind Theory in Human-AI Interaction

The increasing integration of generative AI into writing and knowledge activities can be explained through the concept of cognitive offloading. Risko and Gilbert (2016) define cognitive offloading as the use of external resources to reduce cognitive demands during task completion.

Historically, cognitive offloading occurred through tools such as calculators, written notes, and search engines. However, generative AI introduces a more complex form because it can actively participate in higher-level cognitive activities, including idea generation, argument organization, language selection, and text production.

This phenomenon corresponds with Extended Mind Theory proposed by Clark and Chalmers (1998), which argues that cognitive processes are not always restricted to internal brain activity but may extend into external resources when those resources become integrated into human thinking.

In the context of generative AI, technology may function as a cognitive extension that enhances human capabilities when used for exploration, reflection, and evaluation. However, excessive dependence on AI may reduce active cognitive engagement in conceptual development and independent reasoning. Therefore, the cognitive consequences of AI depend not only on technological capability but also on patterns of human interaction with AI systems.

Generative Grammar and Human Linguistic Ability

Human linguistic ability has traditionally been examined through the perspective of Generative Grammar. Chomsky (1965) proposed that humans possess an internal linguistic capacity that enables them to generate an unlimited number of sentences based on underlying cognitive structures.

Human grammatical ability is not limited to producing syntactically correct sentences. It also involves understanding contexts, creating novel expressions, and adapting language according to communicative purposes. These characteristics distinguish human language from artificial language systems.

Although LLMs demonstrate remarkable ability to generate grammatically accurate texts, their linguistic competence differs from human linguistic ability. AI-generated language emerges from statistical associations within training data rather than from internal linguistic knowledge, consciousness, or communicative intentions (Bender et al., 2021; Bommasani et al., 2021). Thus, grammatical similarity between AI-generated texts and human writing does not necessarily represent equivalent linguistic capability.

Neuroscience Perspective: Language, Brain, and Meaning Construction

Human language is closely connected with complex neural processes involving perception, memory, attention, and contextual understanding. Neuroscience research demonstrates that language processing involves interactions among brain networks, particularly frontal and temporal regions responsible for linguistic processing and meaning interpretation.

Human meaning construction does not occur solely through recognition of words and sentence structures. Instead, the brain integrates linguistic information with previous experiences, knowledge, emotions, and environmental contexts. Therefore, meaning emerges from the relationship between language and human experience.

In contrast, generative AI represents language through computational patterns derived from data. Although LLMs can capture complex linguistic relationships, they lack sensory experiences, emotional states, and direct engagement with the external world. This limitation relates to the grounding problem, namely the difficulty of connecting linguistic symbols with real-world experiences that form the basis of human understanding (Bender et al., 2021).

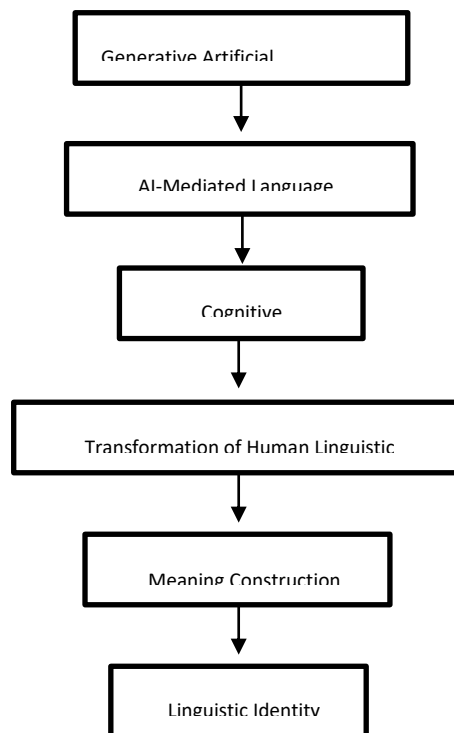
Linguistic Identity and Meaning Construction in the AI Era

Language functions not only as a communication mechanism but also as a foundation for human identity formation. From Lacan's psychoanalytic perspective, humans construct their understanding of themselves through the Symbolic Order, where language provides the structure through which individuals interpret experiences and social relationships (Lacan, 2006).

The emergence of generative AI introduces new complexity because linguistic expression, previously associated primarily with human experiences, now involves interaction with systems capable of producing language representations.

However, AI-generated language does not eliminate human subjectivity. Humans remain responsible for interpreting, evaluating, and assigning values to linguistic expressions. The fundamental challenge is not whether AI can produce language, but how humans maintain language as a space for experience, creativity, and identity formation.

Conceptual Framework



This framework proposes that generative AI does not directly replace human language ability. Instead, AI changes the conditions under which humans produce, evaluate, and interpret language. AI functions as a cognitive extension that influences linguistic practices while human experience, consciousness, and contextual understanding remain central to meaning construction.

METHODOLOGY

Research Design

This study employed a Systematic Literature Review (SLR) method using the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) 2020 framework. The SLR approach was selected because this study aims to systematically identify, evaluate, and synthesize existing scientific evidence regarding the transformation of human language processes in interaction with Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Unlike conventional literature reviews that primarily summarize previous studies, SLR provides a structured procedure for identifying relevant studies, assessing research quality, and developing evidence-based conceptual synthesis (Page et al., 2021). This approach is appropriate for examining the multidisciplinary relationship between generative AI, human language production, cognitive processes, and meaning construction.

Literature Search Strategy

The literature search was conducted using international academic databases, including:

1. SpringerLink
2. IEEE Xplore
3. ACM Digital Library
4. ScienceDirect
5. Scopus
6. Web of Science
7. ProQuest

These databases were selected because they provide extensive coverage of research fields related to artificial intelligence, large language models, natural language processing, cognitive science, linguistics, neuroscience, education, and human-computer interaction.

The literature search was conducted for publications between 2021 and 2026 to capture recent developments in generative AI research following the emergence of advanced Large Language Models (LLMs). The search strategy applied Boolean operators AND and OR using combinations of keywords related to the research focus.

The search string included:

Concept	Search Terms
Generative Artificial Intelligence	"Generative Artificial Intelligence" OR "Generative AI" OR "Large Language Model*" OR "LLM" OR "ChatGPT"
Human Language Process	"Human Language" OR "Language Production" OR "Writing" OR "Linguistic Ability" OR "Language Processing"
Cognitive and Meaning Process	"Cognition" OR "Cognitive Process" OR "Meaning Construction" OR "Language Understanding" OR "Linguistic Identity"

The search strategy was developed using Boolean operators (AND and OR) to combine key concepts related to generative artificial intelligence, human language processes, cognition, and meaning construction. The search terms were adjusted according to the requirements and indexing systems of each database.

Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

To ensure consistency and relevance, the literature selection followed predefined criteria.

Table 1. Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

Criteria	Inclusion	Exclusion
Publication year	2021-2026	Before 2021
Publication type	Peer-reviewed journal articles	Non-academic publications
Language	English	Non-English articles

Topic	Generative AI, LLMs, human language, cognition	AI engineering studies without human language perspective
Availability	Full-text accessible articles	Articles without accessible full text
Research relevance	Studies discussing interaction between humans and AI language systems	Studies unrelated to language processes

PRISMA 2020 Selection Process

The literature selection followed four PRISMA 2020 stages:

1. Identification

The initial database search identified relevant scientific articles related to generative AI, LLMs, language production, cognition, and human-AI interaction.

2. Screening

Titles and abstracts were screened to remove irrelevant studies, duplicate publications, and articles outside the research scope.

3. Eligibility

The remaining articles were evaluated through full-text assessment based on relevance, methodological quality, and theoretical contribution.

4. Included

Articles that fulfilled all criteria were included in the final thematic analysis.

The selection process resulted in 38 scientific articles that represented the relationship between generative AI and human language processes.

Data Extraction Procedure

Data extraction was conducted systematically by identifying important information from each selected article.

The extracted information included:

Category	Description
Author and year	Publication identity
Research focus	Main research topic
Methodology	Research approach used
AI technology discussed	LLM, ChatGPT, generative AI
Main findings	Research conclusions
Theoretical contribution	Relation to language, cognition, and meaning

The extracted data were organized to identify recurring concepts and theoretical relationships among studies.

Quality Assessment

The quality of selected literature was evaluated based on:

1. Relevance to the research objectives
2. Clarity of research methodology
3. Theoretical contribution
4. Scientific credibility of publication sources

Only studies that demonstrated clear methodological procedures and relevance to human-AI language interaction were included in the final synthesis.

Thematic Analysis

The selected articles were analyzed using Thematic Analysis based on Braun and Clarke's (2022) framework.

The analysis consisted of six stages:

1. Familiarization with literature
2. Generation of initial codes
3. Identification of recurring patterns
4. Development of themes
5. Review and refinement of themes
6. Interpretation and synthesis of findings

The coding process generated five major themes:

1. Generative AI as a language production system
2. Cognitive offloading in human-AI interaction
3. Transformation of human linguistic practices
4. Differences between AI-generated language and human meaning construction
5. Transformation of linguistic identity in the AI era

Research Validity

The validity of this study was maintained through:

1. The use of internationally recognized databases
2. Application of PRISMA 2020 guidelines
3. Transparent inclusion and exclusion criteria
4. Theoretical triangulation across artificial intelligence, linguistics, cognitive science, neuroscience, and psychoanalysis

The integration of multiple theoretical perspectives enabled a comprehensive interpretation of how generative AI influences human language processes beyond text generation.

RESEARCH RESULT

Literature Identification Results Based on PRISMA 2020

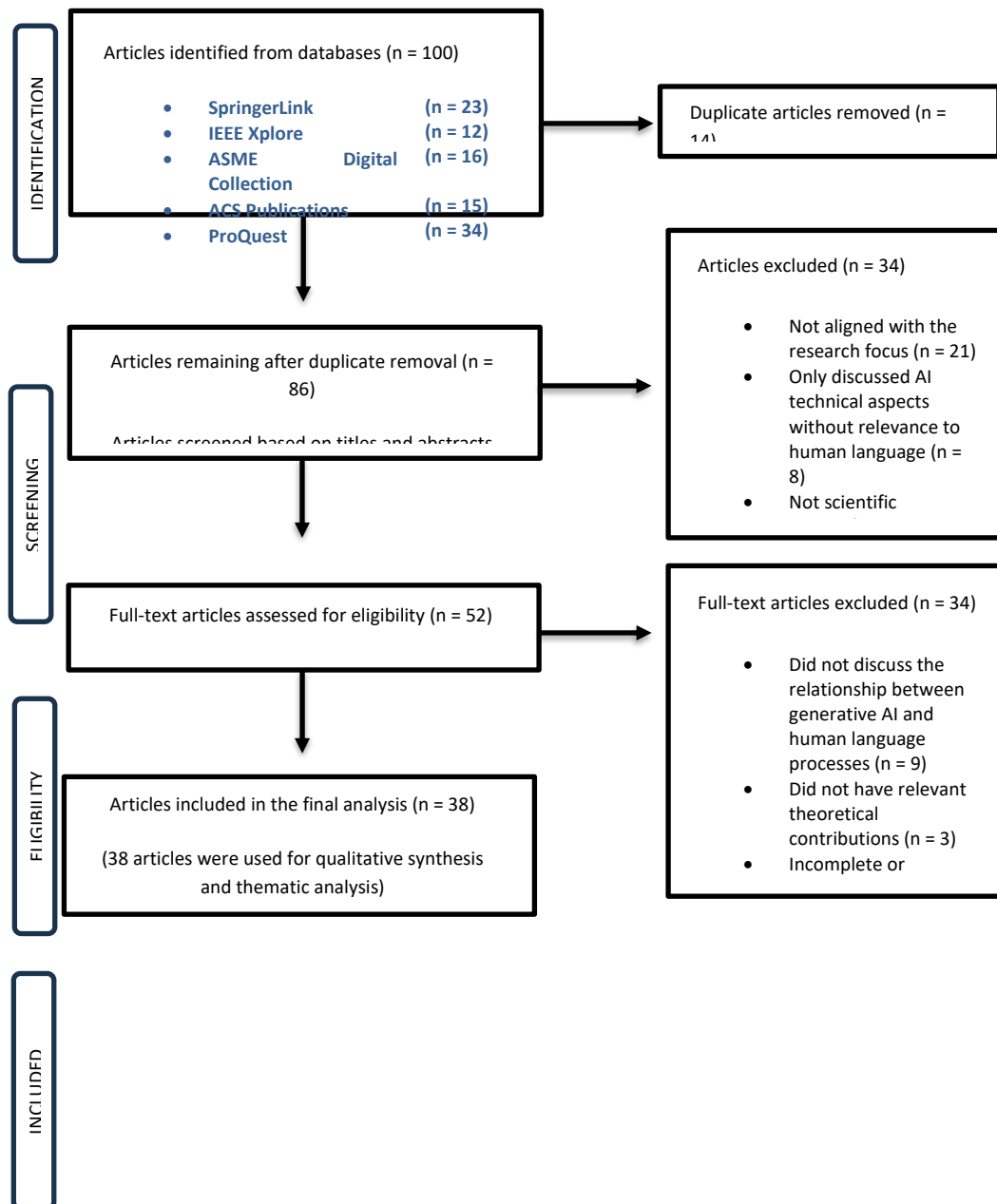
The literature identification and selection process was conducted following the PRISMA 2020 framework to ensure transparency and methodological consistency. The initial search across selected academic databases identified 100 scientific articles related to Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI), Large Language Models (LLMs), human language production, cognition, and human-AI interaction.

The identified studies were subsequently evaluated through several selection stages, including screening, eligibility assessment, and final inclusion. During the screening process, studies that did not align with the research objectives, duplicate publications, and articles focusing exclusively on technical AI development without discussing human language processes were removed.

Following the full-text assessment process, 38 scientific articles met all inclusion criteria and were selected for thematic analysis. These studies were considered relevant because they examined the relationship between generative AI and human linguistic practices, cognitive processes, meaning construction, and changes in human interaction with language technologies.

The PRISMA selection process demonstrates that the final literature set represents a focused body of research examining the broader implications of generative AI beyond text generation.

Figure 1. PRISMA 2020 Literature Selection Diagram



Characteristics of Selected Literature

The analysis of the 38 selected articles indicates that research on generative AI and human language is inherently multidisciplinary. The reviewed studies originated from various research domains, including artificial intelligence, natural language processing, linguistics, cognitive psychology, neuroscience, education, and human-computer interaction.

The literature demonstrates a shift in research focus. Earlier studies primarily emphasized the technical capabilities of AI systems, including language generation performance and computational accuracy. However, recent studies

increasingly investigate how generative AI influences human cognitive activities, writing practices, learning processes, and meaning interpretation.

The selected studies primarily examined several research dimensions, including:

1. Generative AI as a language production system.
2. Human-AI collaboration in writing and knowledge production.
3. Cognitive consequences of AI-assisted thinking.
4. Differences between AI-generated language and human meaning construction.
5. Implications of AI interaction for human linguistic identity.

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Research Focus	Main Findings
Generative AI and language production	LLMs demonstrate strong ability to generate coherent and grammatically structured texts
Human-AI writing interaction	AI supports writing processes, idea development, and language improvement
Cognitive offloading	AI may reduce cognitive workload but requires active human engagement
Meaning construction	AI represents linguistic patterns but lacks human experiential understanding
Linguistic identity	AI interaction raises questions regarding authenticity and human expression

Thematic Analysis Results

Thematic analysis was conducted through systematic coding of the 38 selected articles. The analysis involved identifying recurring concepts, comparing relationships among findings, and developing broader conceptual themes.

The coding process generated five major themes representing the transformation of human language processes in interaction with generative AI:

1. Generative AI as a Language Production System
2. Cognitive Offloading in Human-AI Interaction
3. Transformation of Human Linguistic Practices
4. Meaning Construction and the Difference Between Human and AI Language
5. Transformation of Linguistic Identity in the AI Era

These themes demonstrate that the impact of generative AI extends beyond automated text generation and involves broader changes in how humans produce, evaluate, and interpret language.

Theme 1. Generative AI as a Language Production System

The literature synthesis indicates that generative AI has transformed conventional approaches to language production. Through Large Language Models, AI can generate texts by learning statistical relationships from extensive linguistic datasets, including books, scientific articles, digital documents, and online communication.

Studies by Bommasani et al. (2021) explain that foundation models demonstrate strong generalization capabilities because they are trained on large-scale datasets. However, this capability represents computational pattern recognition rather than human-like linguistic understanding.

The findings indicate that AI can reproduce linguistic structures, but human language remains fundamentally different because it involves intentions, experiences, social contexts, and awareness of meaning.

Theme 2. Cognitive Offloading in Human-AI Interaction

The literature shows that generative AI introduces a more advanced form of cognitive offloading. Unlike previous digital tools that primarily stored information, AI systems can actively participate in idea generation, argument organization, language selection, and text construction.

This finding aligns with Extended Mind Theory, which suggests that external technologies may become integrated into human cognitive processes when they support thinking activities.

However, the literature also indicates that the cognitive effects of AI depend on patterns of use. AI-assisted reflection and evaluation may enhance cognitive performance, whereas excessive dependence may reduce independent conceptual development.

Theme 3. Transformation of Human Linguistic Practices

The reviewed studies indicate that generative AI changes how humans approach language production. Writing activities increasingly involve collaboration between human users and AI systems.

AI can assist with:

- sentence formulation,
- grammar improvement,
- vocabulary selection,
- argument organization.

However, human involvement remains essential because language production requires contextual judgment, communicative intention, and personal interpretation.

Theme 4. Meaning Construction and Human-AI Language Differences

The literature highlights a fundamental distinction between AI-generated language and human meaning construction.

AI produces language through patterns derived from training data, whereas humans construct meaning through relationships among language, memory, perception, experience, and social context.

Although LLMs demonstrate advanced linguistic capabilities, they remain limited in grounding linguistic symbols within real-world experiences. Therefore, similarity between AI-generated texts and human writing does not indicate equivalent understanding.

Theme 5. Linguistic Identity Transformation

The final theme concerns the relationship between AI interaction and human linguistic identity.

Language functions not only as communication but also as a foundation for self-understanding and cultural identity. The integration of AI into language

production creates new questions regarding authenticity, authorship, and human expression.

The literature suggests that AI does not eliminate human subjectivity because humans remain responsible for interpretation, evaluation, and contextualization. However, AI changes the environment in which humans create and experience language.

DISCUSSION

Beyond Text Generation: The Transformation of Human-AI Linguistic Relationship

The findings of this systematic literature review demonstrate that the emergence of generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) represents a transformation in the relationship between humans and language technologies. Previous technological developments primarily positioned digital systems as tools for information storage, retrieval, and processing. However, Large Language Models (LLMs) introduce a different form of interaction because they can actively participate in linguistic activities, including idea generation, writing assistance, argument organization, and text production.

This transformation indicates that the significance of generative AI extends beyond its ability to generate texts. The fundamental change lies in how AI becomes integrated into human linguistic practices. Humans no longer interact with language technologies only as passive users of information systems but increasingly engage with AI as collaborative systems that participate in language production processes.

This finding contributes to the understanding that generative AI should not be viewed solely as an automated writing technology but as a new linguistic environment that influences how humans create, evaluate, and interpret language.

Generative AI as a Language Production System: Between Generation and Understanding

The first major finding demonstrates that generative AI has significantly expanded the capability of computational systems to produce human-like language structures. LLMs can generate coherent texts, adapt writing styles, and produce responses based on contextual instructions through statistical learning from large-scale datasets.

However, the ability to generate language does not represent equivalent linguistic competence to humans. From a psycholinguistic perspective, human language production involves conceptualization, formulation, and articulation processes that are influenced by intentions, experiences, and communication contexts (Levelt, 1989).

The distinction between AI-generated language and human language lies not primarily in structural accuracy but in the process through which meaning emerges. AI produces linguistic outputs through learned patterns, whereas humans construct language through interactions between cognition, experience, social relationships, and awareness of reality.

Therefore, this study reinforces the distinction between language generation and language understanding. Generative AI demonstrates advanced linguistic performance; however, human language remains distinctive because it involves subjective interpretation and experiential meaning.

Cognitive Offloading and the Emergence of AI as Cognitive Extension

The second finding reveals that generative AI introduces a more complex form of cognitive offloading. Unlike traditional tools such as calculators, search engines, or digital notes, generative AI does not merely store or retrieve information but actively contributes to cognitive activities.

AI can support:

- idea development,
- argument organization,
- linguistic refinement,
- writing improvement,
- information synthesis.

This finding extends the concept of cognitive offloading proposed by Risko and Gilbert (2016). In traditional cognitive offloading, external tools reduce mental effort by storing or calculating information. In contrast, generative AI can participate in higher-level cognitive activities that were previously considered internal human processes.

This condition aligns with Clark and Chalmers' (1998) Extended Mind Theory, which suggests that cognitive processes may extend beyond biological boundaries when external resources become integrated into thinking activities.

However, this study highlights an important distinction: AI-assisted cognition does not automatically enhance human intelligence. The effect depends on the pattern of interaction.

Active engagement with AI through questioning, evaluating, revising, and reflecting may strengthen cognitive processes. Conversely, transferring conceptualization and evaluation entirely to AI may reduce human participation in knowledge construction.

Therefore, the study proposes the concept of:

Selective Cognitive Extension

Selective cognitive extension refers to the condition in which AI expands human cognitive capacity while humans remain actively involved in interpretation, evaluation, and decision-making.

Transformation of Linguistic Practices and Human Creativity

The third finding indicates that generative AI changes how humans approach language production. Writing is increasingly becoming a collaborative process involving interaction between human users and AI systems.

AI provides advantages in:

- grammatical correction,
- vocabulary selection,
- structural organization,
- rapid text generation.

However, linguistic creativity involves more than producing grammatically correct sentences. Human creativity emerges from experiences, emotions, cultural knowledge, and personal perspectives.

The findings suggest that generative AI may influence the process of writing without eliminating human creativity. Instead, AI changes the location of cognitive effort. Humans may spend less effort on mechanical aspects of language production and more effort on evaluating ideas, developing arguments, and refining meaning.

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Meaning Construction: Why Human Understanding Remains Distinct

The fourth finding highlights the fundamental difference between AI-generated language and human meaning construction.

Human meaning is constructed through the interaction between language, memory, perception, social experience, and environmental context. Neuroscience research demonstrates that language comprehension involves complex neural processes connecting linguistic information with previous knowledge and experiences.

In contrast, generative AI represents language through statistical relationships within training data. Although LLMs can identify complex linguistic patterns, they do not possess sensory experiences, emotions, or direct engagement with the world represented by language.

This limitation relates to the grounding problem, where symbols must be connected to real-world experiences to achieve human-like understanding.

Therefore, this study argues that the central distinction between humans and AI is not the ability to produce language but the ability to construct meaning from lived experience.

AI can generate descriptions of emotions, events, and experiences, but humans remain the source of subjective meaning because they experience and interpret the world.

Linguistic Identity Transformation in the Generative AI Era

The fifth finding demonstrates that generative AI introduces new questions regarding linguistic identity and human expression.

From Lacanian psychoanalytic theory, language functions as a foundation through which individuals understand themselves and establish their position within social and cultural structures. Language is therefore not merely communication but also a mechanism of identity formation.

The integration of AI into language production creates a new condition where parts of human expression may involve algorithmic assistance. This raises questions regarding:

- authorship,
- authenticity,
- originality,
- personal expression.

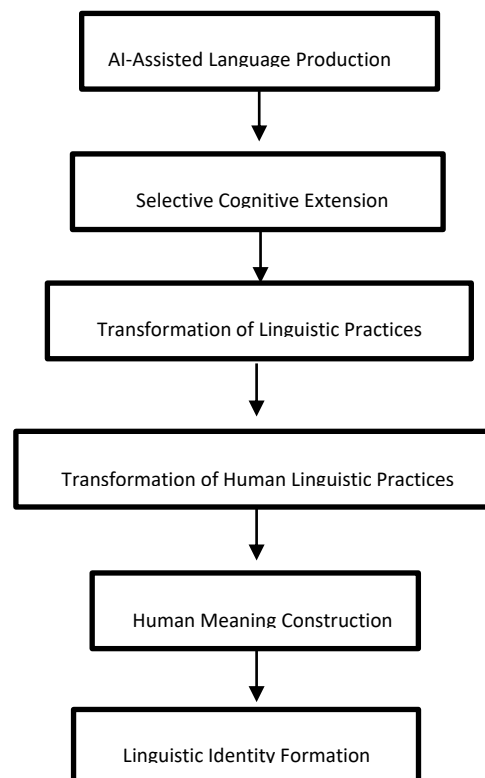
However, AI involvement does not eliminate human subjectivity. Humans continue to provide interpretation, values, intentions, and contextual understanding.

Therefore, the challenge of generative AI is not the disappearance of human language identity but the transformation of how identity is expressed through increasingly hybrid human-AI communication environments.

Theoretical Contribution: Human-AI Linguistic Transformation Framework

Based on the thematic synthesis, this study proposes a conceptual framework explaining how generative AI influences human linguistic processes.

The framework suggests:



This framework contributes to existing literature by integrating perspectives from artificial intelligence, psycholinguistics, cognitive science, neuroscience, and psychoanalysis.

Rather than positioning AI as a replacement for human language ability, this framework conceptualizes generative AI as a technological partner that reshapes the environment in which humans produce and interpret language.

CONCLUSIONS

This systematic literature review demonstrates that generative Artificial Intelligence (AI), particularly Large Language Models (LLMs), has introduced a significant transformation in the relationship between humans and language technologies. The transformation extends beyond automated text generation because generative AI increasingly participates in linguistic activities, cognitive processes, and knowledge construction.

The findings reveal five major dimensions of transformation: (1) generative AI as a language production system, (2) cognitive offloading in human-AI interaction, (3) transformation of human linguistic practices, (4) differences between AI-generated language and human meaning construction, and (5) changes in linguistic identity within AI-mediated communication environments.

This study emphasizes that the primary distinction between human language and AI-generated language does not lie only in grammatical accuracy or textual coherence. Instead, the fundamental difference exists in the mechanisms underlying meaning construction. Human language is shaped by consciousness, personal experience, social interaction, and contextual understanding, whereas AI language generation relies on statistical patterns derived from large-scale datasets.

The study contributes a conceptual perspective of Human-AI Linguistic Transformation, which positions generative AI as a cognitive extension rather than a replacement for human linguistic capability. This perspective suggests that the future relationship between humans and AI should focus on productive collaboration while maintaining human responsibility in interpretation, evaluation, creativity, and meaning construction.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the findings, several recommendations can be proposed.

First, users of generative AI should develop critical AI literacy to ensure that AI-generated outputs are evaluated, modified, and contextualized rather than accepted without reflection. Human involvement remains essential because meaning and knowledge construction require interpretation beyond linguistic patterns.

Second, educational institutions should consider integrating generative AI into learning environments through approaches that emphasize collaboration between human reasoning and AI assistance. AI should function as a supporting technology that enhances reflection, creativity, and analytical skills rather than replacing independent thinking processes.

Third, developers of generative AI systems should consider incorporating mechanisms that support transparency, contextual awareness, and human-centered interaction. Improving technical language performance alone is insufficient because effective human-AI communication requires consideration of cognitive and social dimensions.

Finally, future AI research should move beyond evaluating language generation performance and investigate broader questions regarding cognition, creativity, identity, and human meaning-making processes.

ADVANCED RESEARCH

Limitations and Future Research

This study has several limitations that should be acknowledged. First, as a Systematic Literature Review, the findings depend on the availability, quality, and scope of existing publications. Although the study applied PRISMA 2020 procedures and selected relevant academic sources, variations in research methodologies among previous studies may influence the interpretation of synthesized findings.

Second, this study focuses primarily on conceptual relationships between generative AI, human language, cognition, and meaning construction. It does not directly examine individual experiences through experimental methods or longitudinal observation. Therefore, future research should empirically investigate how long-term interaction with generative AI influences human writing behavior, cognitive strategies, creativity, and linguistic development.

Third, future studies should explore differences in AI interaction patterns among various populations, including students, researchers, professionals, and creative writers. Such investigations may provide deeper understanding of when AI functions as a cognitive enhancement tool and when it may create cognitive dependency.

Future research may also develop empirical models to measure the relationship between AI-assisted language production and human cognitive outcomes, including critical thinking, originality, decision-making, and meaning interpretation.

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