The adventure of translating Korean literature

Prof. Riotto, not only a productive scholar but also a very experienced translator, will give an overall talk on translation difficulties, rich in examples.

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