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HUMANITY OF WRITING TEACHERS AND THE AGE OF AI: THEMES, TAKEAWAYS, AND OPEN QUESTIONS FROM SSLW 2026

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Short Bio

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Abstract

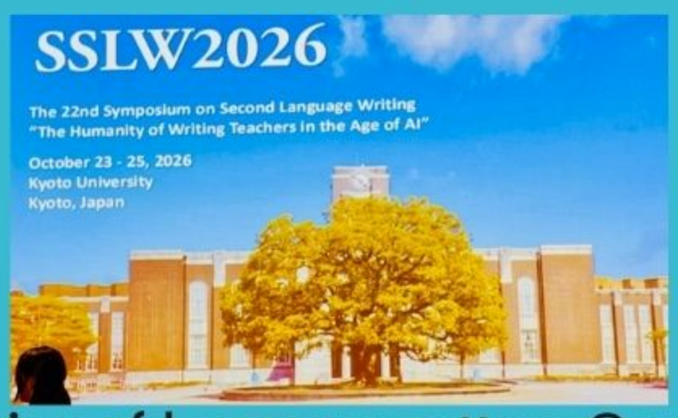
This session reports back from the 2026 Symposium on Second Language Writing, whose theme was "The Humanity of Writing Teachers in the Age of AI."

The first half presents practical takeaways from the symposium, research on teacher feedback and peer response, and studies of gender and the use of artificial intelligence in student writing.

The second half is a moderated discussion of a recurring concern from the symposium: that instructors and researchers are adopting artificial intelligence tools while misunderstanding what large language models actually do.

Zoom Link!

Looking forward to your participation!



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