

Call for Proposals / Participation

## **Fifth International Symposium on Academic Writing and Critical Thinking**

Title: *Deliverance, diversion, or dystopia*

**Nagoya University, Japan, February 16, 2024**

Disruptive technologies have emerged throughout the history of academic writing instruction, each raising significant questions about how scholarly knowledge will be produced and distributed in the future. Currently, the rapid development of artificial intelligence such as large language models, ChatGPT, or neural machine translation have prompted scholars to reconsider fundamental concepts such as innovation, authorship, and academic integrity. Can established modes of teaching academic writing and critical thinking coexist with A.I.? How can teachers and students make optimal use of A.I.? Alternatively, should developments in A.I. be met with skepticism, vigilance, or active resistance?

The Fifth International Symposium on Academic Writing and Critical Thinking seeks to promote stimulating discussion of questions such as these by bringing together scholars from various fields. Of particular interest are papers and panels that address the relationship between A.I. and the teaching of academic writing in terms of theoretical analysis and concrete pedagogical strategies.

Scholars at any stage in their academic career are invited to submit proposals for oral presentations of twenty minutes plus ten minutes for questions and discussion. Proposals in English or Japanese are welcome to encourage lively and dynamic exchanges around the symposium theme and related topics.

Send proposals of no more than 250 words to [awct@ilas.nagoya-u.ac.jp](mailto:awct@ilas.nagoya-u.ac.jp). Scholars should indicate the language in which they intend to present and write their proposal in that same language. Please include your name, institutional affiliation, phone number, postal address, and email address. The deadline for your submissions is November 30, 2023.

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