



## HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR SELF-ACCESS LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT (HASALD) SEMINAR: DR. ESTHER TONG

### UNLOCKING NEW AFFORDANCES OF A HYBRID INTELLIGENCE-ENHANCED WRITING ASSESSMENT SYSTEM: REDESIGNING WRITING PEDAGOGY AND ASSESSMENT

Advances in digital and generative artificial intelligence (GAI) technologies have expanded the affordances of technological tools that can strategically be integrated into language subjects to enhance classroom pedagogy and support ubiquitous learning. This seminar situates GAI-mediated academic discourse development within a higher education context. The speaker will share frontline teachers' experience with human-GAI collaboration in an English communication for social sciences subject, systematising how hybrid intelligence is leveraged in disciplinary writing pedagogy to mediate students' disciplinary knowledge, advanced literacy and cognitive development. The speaker will define the key components of a human-GAI pedagogical collaboration framework designed to facilitate integration of generative AI-powered technological tools in genre-based language pedagogy. The seminar will also examine how a hybrid intelligence-enabled writing platform fosters students' engagement with more cognitively challenging types of disciplinary discourse -- a task that requires students to construct logical arguments, reflect critically on disciplinary theory-practice dialectics, and mobilise multimodal semiotic resources to sustain their agentic engagement with the meaning-making flow within and beyond the classroom.

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