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Practice and Studies on AI-assisted Writing Instruction

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Abstract:
Writing is an essential skill for academic success and effective communication in both personal and professional realms. In traditional writing instruction, teachers assign writing task and students complete it in class or outside of class, and teachers then grade them one by one. This process is time consuming and teacher's feedback are often delayed. The low rate of student revision after writing evaluation is also a prominent problem in traditional writing instruction. The emergence of Aritifial Intelligence (AI) has provided possibilities for innovative writing teaching. The presentation will focus on the practice and studies related to AI-assisted writing instruction. It includes four parts of contents: (1) current status of writing instruction; (2) possibility of AI-assisted writing instruction innovation in the age of AI; (3) case studies of AWE-assisted writing instruction; and (4) case study of GAI-assisted writing practice.

About the speaker:

Yan Li got her Ph.D. from Department of Agricultural Education at Texas A&M University in August, 2004. Since September 2004, Professor Li has been working in College of Education, Zhejiang University. She is now the Vice Dean of College of Education, Zhejiang University, Director of Department of Curriculum and Learning Sciences, and Director of Research Center for AI in Education. Her research interests include distance education, ICT education, AI in education, diffusion of educational innovations, etc. During April-July, 2009, she visited University of Florence, doing research work in area of media education and digital literacy improvement for the youth generation. During June 2014 and June 2015, Professor Li visited Indiana University-Bloomington as a visiting scholar. In recent two decades, she has presided several international-, national- and provincial-level research projects and has published series of books in area of educational technology. Professor Li has published more than 100 journal papers and you may find her papers in journals such as *Computers & Education (CAE)*, *British Journal of Educational Technology (BJET)*, *Educational Technology Research & Development (ETR&D)*, *Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL)*, *Journal of Educational Computing Research (JECR)*, *Thinking Skills & Creativity (TS&C)*, *Asia Pacific Journal of Education (APJE)*, *Social Behavior and Personality (SBP)*, etc. You may find more information in her homepage: https://person.zju.edu.cn/yanli.

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