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**SYMPOSIUM ON SECOND LANGUAGE WRITING: AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

The Symposium on Second Language Writing is an international conference dedicated to the development of the field of second language writing—an interdisciplinary field of specialization that draws from and contributes to various related fields, including applied linguistics, composition studies, modern language studies, education, rhetoric, and TESOL.

Founded in 1998 by Tony Silva and Paul Kei Matsuda, the Symposium has been bringing together second language writing specialists to discuss key issues and concerns in the field. Since then, the Symposium evolved into a biennial international conference, attracting second language writing researchers and teachers from around the world.

From the beginning, the Symposium has been attracting second language writing researchers and teachers from all over the world. In 2007, the Symposium was held outside the United States for the first time, making it truly international. The 2007 meeting also made the Symposium an annual event. In 2010, the Symposium will take place in Murcia, Spain.

The presenters for the 2009 Symposium represent 24 countries and regions, including: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Egypt, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mexico, Poland, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, UK, United Kingdom, United States, and Venezuela.

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