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English education today stands at a critical threshold. Across schools and universities, educators are responding to the restructuring and downsizing of English departments, the realities of multilingual classrooms, changing curricular priorities, and the growing influence of artificial intelligence on students' reading and writing. The theme "English on the Edge: Survive? Evolve? Thrive?" frames this moment not as decline but as a threshold of change.

- **SURVIVE** asks what enduring values (critical thinking, empathy, imagination, and reading cultures) must be preserved.
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Together, these perspectives invite all who shape, teach, research, learn, write, imagine, and transform English education (from early schooling to higher education) to engage in critical reflection, creative experimentation, and collective envisioning of what English might yet become on the edge of automation, imagination, and transformation.

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Domain 2: English Policy & Governance

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