ESP for Law Enforcement: Addressing social justice issues through language curricula (round table)

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Background & Objective: The presenters worked together with a team of 14 other English language instructors at the National Police Language Center in Jakarta, Indonesia to develop an Intermediate English for Police curriculum. The process brought to focus several issues regarding need, instructional method, and materials. The goal of this RTD is to bring those institutional issues to the world-wide, TESOL audience to discuss shared difficulties and, more importantly, possible solutions.

Challenges:

1. Motivation
   a. Officers ordered to attend school; come from a variety of departments (traffic, CID, tourism, etc.); have a variety of English proficiency but are grouped by rank, not ability
   b. Most students rarely use English on the job
2. Traditional Education Background
   a. Officers used to a grammar-based curriculum; integrated-skill one is a difficult adjustment
   b. Officers used to teacher-centered classroom; learner-centered activities are met with resistance
3. Lack examples of authentic police communication tasks to inform the curriculum
   a. “Speaking” activities were often scripted dialogues based on teacher intuition (audio-lingual)
   b. Materials in existing curriculums reflect policing culture and protocol from western countries
4. Balancing content with language skills
   a. Some textbook topics lend themselves to discussion of cultural differences
   b. Some textbook topics lend themselves to social justice issues (e.g. sexual harassment, community policing, corruption, use of force, etc.)

Possibilities:

1. Problem-based/Project-based activities to add more communicative English and authentic English
2. Multi-media curriculum; pod casts to reach high level officers; phone apps for field studying
3. Standardized core curriculum; comparison of police cultures and policy

Literature Review:


## Resource List

### Curriculums:

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### Multimedia:

#### Websites


#### Youtube

- **Crime Stoppers of Hamilton Channel**: Re-enactment of crimes and physical descriptions of suspects
- **Police Women of Broward County Channel**: Reality TV Show
- **Traffic**: What not to say to cops – [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfHGHJGkkyk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfHGHJGkkyk)
- **Traffic**: Dude is too Super Cool for his Traffic Ticket - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Usyr0eMshg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Usyr0eMshg)
- **Bank Robbery**: Kid Snippets Bank - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkUghm3Dtb8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkUghm3Dtb8)
- **Crime Scene**: How to Destroy Angels – The Space in Between - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWbfgGDl6XE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWbfgGDl6XE)
- **Community Policing**: Crime Reporting: Bus Stop (1990) - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YxEEOqCQ3Y](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YxEEOqCQ3Y)
- **Mugging**: Hot English TV: Old Crime (past continuous vs past simple grammar) - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Flolo5KsXlc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Flolo5KsXlc)
- **Theft**: Learn English 14 – Crime - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFpT4eZH9t0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFpT4eZH9t0)
- **Sexual Harassment**: Doesn’t Matter Who - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PUUZLVtEgQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PUUZLVtEgQ)
- **Rape**: Let’s Stop Blaming the Victim - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGl-b60BWN4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGl-b60BWN4)
- **Child Abuse**: Stop Child Abuse (All 3 Videos) - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQf5DYr8Mow](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQf5DYr8Mow)
- **Booking**: Country Jail Booking Center - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JpFCPHYPhY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JpFCPHYPhY)
- **Apprehension**: Female Police Officer Makes Arrest on Patrol - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpjInRTSGNQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpjInRTSGNQ)
- **Giving Directions**: Unit 4 Learn English 3 asking for and giving directions - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFmAH0GFT_](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFmAH0GFT_)
- **Interrogation**: Good Cop, Baby Cop from Will Ferrell and Adam Ghost Panther McKay - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7BOEAA7Hkm8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7BOEAA7Hkm8)
- **Radio Communication**: We’re Sinking - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=guELpieYIFU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=guELpieYIFU)

#### Songs

- **Injuries**: Bruised But Not Broken – Joss Stone
- **Crimes against property**: Bust Your Windows - Jazmine Sullivan
- **Child Abuse**: Concrete Angel – Martina McBride
- **Domestic Violence**: Never Again – Nickelback
- **Miranda Rights**: Miranda Rights – Chris Mhina
- **Drugs**: Intoxicating – The David Crowder Band

#### VOA Articles with Audio

- **Distracted Driving Killing More American Teens**
- **Crime and Punishment: Two Reports** (Broken Window Theory)
- **New Site will Map Reports of Sexual Harassment in Egypt**
- **Crime and Punishment** (Crime scene evidence)
- **WHO Says Alcohol Abuse a Leading Cause of Death, Disability**
- **Drug Control Officials Are Warned of Growing Threat From 'Meth'**