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Workshop Report

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presented by Dr. Antonia Schleicher, CLE Executive Director

Friday, February 6, 2015
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Education Building 2261
IU Campus, Bloomington

On Friday, February 6, 2015, the Center for Language Excellence (CLE) presented a workshop entitled “Using SCOLA Authentic Videos for Teaching Foreign Languages at Any Level of Language Instruction”. The workshop had 27 attendees including seven CLE/CeLT/NALRC staff and language instructors from eight different departments, servicing twelve languages (Hausa, Yoruba, Swahili, Uyghur, Hindi, Urdu, Turkish, Mongolian, Chinese, Bambara, Kazakh and Italian). The presentation was led by Dr. Antonia Schleicher, Executive Director of the Center for Language Excellence.

This workshop was the seventh of a series of workshops offered by CLE.

Workshop participants were introduced with the definition, the three types of learning instruction videos - “created”, “semi-authentic” and “authentic”, and the purpose of authentic videos in a classroom. The participants were led into a discussion of what would be the appropriate video for their respective level of instruction. Then, the participants were introduced to the concept of “modifying the task, but not the text” which allows the same text to be used for different level of instructions. The presenter then led a classroom demonstration to explain how to plan activities based on the authentic videos. Finally, the participants discussed and shared ideas on planning the appropriate tasks for learners at intermediate and advance levels of proficiency.

The post-workshop survey evaluation showed that overall participants were very useful and helpful in guiding language instructors to modify tasks based on the authentic videos.

Below are what some of the participants had to say about the workshop:

“I think this was a very enlightening and useful workshop. We certainly need more of the same.”
“The workshop was fantastic to me. I have learned many things. New and helpful for my career.”
“Keep doing what you’re doing.”