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“IPAs are Like a Hoppy Craft Beer: Acquiring a Taste for Task-based Language Teaching and Integrated Performance Assessments”

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Abstract

This workshop focuses on the Integrated Performance Assessment (IPA) as simply one specific model of task-based language learning and assessment. Like the hoppy beer, it pairs well in some settings but not in others. We will critically examine the IPA with an eye towards identifying its strengths and weaknesses as a tool for assessment in university language courses and programs. Participants will learn general principles for designing authentic, integrated language tasks and specific guidelines for modifying and adapting the ACTFL IPA for their language courses. It is unclear at this time whether we will actually be sampling craft brews.

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