

A New Beginner's Level Textbook for the Indonesian Language

Between 2009 and 2016 the Indonesian Language Program at the University of Hawai'i has developed an electronic textbook for the Indonesian language entitled "The Indonesian Way" which is partly based on materials developed by Dr. George Quinn (Australian National University), and supplemented by materials developed by U. Kozok, Chair of the Indonesian Language Program. In my presentation I will describe the innovative design of the first interactive E-Learning textbook for the Indonesian language. Besides looking at the history of the teaching materials, media and technologies employed, the presentation will specifically address the advantages of hybrid e-learning in comparison to traditional forms of Indonesian language learning, and the measures that we took to alleviate the most common disadvantages of e-learning by providing ease of access, and a student-centred approach to prevent students from feeling unsupported and isolated which typically leads to high dropout-rates in e-learning courses.

The presentation will also focus on the integration of the e-learning textbook into the curriculum, and its integration with social media, course management systems, and other external applications such as spaced repetition learning systems for more effective vocabulary learning, the Web Audio Utility, Google collaboration tools etc.