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Time	Topics
00:00—02:05	Introduction
02:06--06:27	Origins of her interest in human rights and human rights education; Challenges facing HRE in the 1980s and 1990s in the Philippines; Impact of the People Power revolution on human rights; Influence of Paolo Freire and Antonio Gramsci's work on her scholarship and teaching about human rights
06:28—09:01	Role of the U.S. in supporting the Marcos government and their authoritarian policies and practices
09:02—11:28	Most daunting challenges facing HRE in the private and public sectors
11:29--14:40	Importance of understanding both the International human rights framework and community-based efforts in advancing HRE;

	Diverse approaches are needed, being attentive to your audience’s needs
14:41—17:25	Advice for HRE advocates in doing their work; Importance of experiencing discomfort as one addresses human rights violations with those who are impacted by them
17:26—21:58	Recommendations for reform in Philippine educational system to combat what Gramsci referred to as state hegemony in their control of the education system; Excessive elite influence remains a problem in the formal educational system; Difficulty of contextualizing knowledge in the diverse communities of the Philippines
21:59—25:59	Challenges in delivering HRE to state actors, such as the police; Confronting the legacy of abuse and trauma among police officers who served under martial law; Understanding how the system itself brutalized police; Change requires a “whole of government” approach to address the problems
26:00-28:29	“Civilianizing” law enforcement institutions by changing norms and expectations drawn from the military; Curriculum changes focused on a rights-based approach rather than protecting the state
28:30—30:03	Closing remarks
Tags	Human rights; Human rights education; People Power Revolution; Paolo Freire; Antonio Gramsci; Marcos government; False consciousness; Hegemony; State actors; Whole of government Approach; “Civilianizing” law enforcement; Rights-based policing

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