The pronunciation of TH in word-initial position in Malaysian English

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A new dental stop [t] is emerging in a variety of New English whose birth began with the colonial era and which also plays a role as an intra-national means of communication aside from local languages in a present-day society. I highlight two issues in the penultimate section to rethink the validity of nativization. One issue is the sporadic and hence saltatory occurrence of [th > t], and the other is its phoneme-based character.

Studies on interdental fricatives in Malaysian English

There are only a handful of studies that describe the pronunciation of the interdental fricatives [θ] or [ð] in Malay English. One of the earliest studies that deals with the pronunciation of sounds in Malaysian English (or more precisely, ‘Malay English’ in the 1960s) is Killingley (1968), in...