Inquiry and Integration in Education
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Course Structure 2

Course Structure 1 focused on the LTs. This document tells you about the other organisational element of IIE: *the Discussion Forum*.

The Discussion Forum

Besides members of the ThinQ team, you may find experts associated with ThinQ participating in the discussions, enriching their quality.

One purpose of the forum is to discuss matters related to the sequentially arranged LTs.
- These discussions take place after submission of your Quiz, and responses to an LT is closed. The discussion on one LT continues till the next LT arrives in your mailbox.
- When you post on the forum, please make sure that what you post is relevant to the LT in question, and to the questions/responses of other participants. This means that before you respond, you have to read what others have said before you. In short, we expect you to engage with other learners in the forum and not just respond to the original question.

Another purpose of the forum is to explore questions and ideas relevant to *inquiry* and *integration* arising from the discussions in LTs and other related ideas.

- From time to time, we will post interesting and relevant questions.
- You can contribute ideas and questions for reflection (they should be relevant to the course).
- You should feel free to respond to ideas and questions on the forum with comments, questions, disagreements, arguments, and/or requests for clarification.

You will be added to the discussion forum over the next few days, and should get an invitation to the forum before May 25. If you don't receive an email about this by May 25, please email us at iie2018@schoolofthinq.com.

Of course, before contacting us, do check your spam/junk folders for a notification (and mark it as 'not spam' so that a mail from us will never land there again!).

Accessing the Discussion Forum

When a new posting appears on the Forum, you will receive a message from the following email id:

IIE 2018 - Discussion Forum <iie 2018-discussion-forum+noreply@googlegroups.com>

If you wish to respond to a posting on the Forum, the easiest way is to:

(i) Click on REPLY ALL;   (ii) Type your response;   (iii) Click on SEND.

If you wish to look at previous postings archived at Forum site, you can:
(a) click on the following address, OR
(b) copy and paste it at the address site:

https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/iie-2018-discussion-forum

If you have a gmail address, there is an alternative.

Go to Google
Do a search for 'google groups'
Click on google groups
Click on my groups, and
Click on 'Discussion Forum- IIE 2018'.

Some Norms for using the Discussion Forums Effectively and Efficiently

We would like to restrict the Discussion Forum strictly for conducting the IIE web-course effectively, and nothing else. We request you to desist from using the forums for marketing products & services as well as for surveys of any kind.

1. We know you are busy. But now that you have joined IIE, please take some time regularly to engage with the LTs and the Discussion Forum. Also, do complete your Quiz and send in your response to the final question on time. You will be able to do this if you spend some time each day with the relevant LT, starting with each new LT soon after you get it. That works better than rushing through the LT towards the end of the week.

2. If your mail doesn't warrant a reply, please don't send it – e.g. messages like 'thank you'/ 'I like it.'

3. If you have questions about aspects of the organisation or administrative requirements of the course, email us at iie2018@schoolofthinq.com

4. Please do not post advertisements or event invitations on the Discussion Forum. If you think an event is relevant to the IIE participants, write to us. We will take a call on sharing the information.

5. If you are sharing external resources in a response, please include a short description of the resource along with the link/attachment, and specify how it is relevant to the course.

6. If your view is being questioned by others, or if a thought strikes you, please don't respond/mail immediately. It may be a good idea to put down your thought(s) in a file, leave it aside for an hour or two, read it again, and modify it if needed, before posting it.

7. If you wish to start a new discussion under a new topic in the Forum, email us at iie2018@schoolofthinq.com   We will be happy to start a thread for you **if** we consider the topic relevant to the course. Please *do not* start a new thread yourself. This means that you should not change the 'SUBJECT' heading in your email/posting.

8. In the Discussion Forum, please do argue to find the 'truth', but not to defeat another's view or simply defend your own. Conversely, if a long-held view of yours is being punctured through rational arguments, please don't take it personally, or as a slight.

9. Please don't hesitate to raise a query out of the fear of exposing 'ignorance'. The primary objective of this course is to make us question what we think we know, thus liberating us from that fear. This holds true for both the participants and the facilitators.

10. This is an academic course. Please always keep the content relevant, and the language civil.