

Facilitating Controversial Discussions in the Classroom

Johns Hopkins University Center for Educational Resources

Toolkit for Inclusive Learning Environments (TILE) http://guides.library.jhu.edu/TILE	<i>TILE was created to share best practices for fostering diversity and inclusion in classrooms. The toolkit includes a repository of examples for faculty to replicate or re-use.</i>
The Innovative Instructor Blog http://ii.library.jhu.edu/	<i>Posts cover a wide range of teaching topics. Search for “discussion” to bring up relevant articles.</i>
The Innovative Instructor Print Series <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civility in the Classroom by P.M. Forni http://www.cer.jhu.edu/ii/InnovInstruct-Ped_civility.pdf• Creating a Covenant with Your Students by P.M. Forni http://www.cer.jhu.edu/ii/InnovInstruct-BP_pforni1.pdf	<i>These two articles, available as PDFs, suggest methods to put in place at the beginning of the semester that will lay a foundation for civil discourse.</i>

Vanderbilt University Center for Teaching

Difficult Dialogues https://cft.vanderbilt.edu/guides-sub-pages/difficult-dialogues/	<i>This guide will be useful whenever topics of discussion in the classroom touch on “hot button” issues.</i>
Teaching in Response to the Election https://cft.vanderbilt.edu/2016/11/teaching-in-response-to-the-election/	<i>This article offers practical solutions, references additional resources, and is useful in thinking about supporting students in general.</i>
Teaching in Times of Crisis https://cft.vanderbilt.edu/guides-sub-pages/crisis/	<i>This guide addresses times when “communities are united in grief or trauma.”</i>
Increasing Inclusivity in the Classroom https://cft.vanderbilt.edu/guides-sub-pages/increasing-inclusivity-in-the-classroom/	<i>These suggestions will be relevant for instructors at all times and will help establish a positive classroom climate for discussions.</i>

Yale University Center for Teaching and Learning

Teaching Controversial Topics http://ctl.yale.edu/teaching/ideas-teaching/teaching-controversial-topics	<i>This teaching module is designed to provide tools and principles that can be applied to a variety of settings.</i>
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University of Michigan Center for Research on Teaching and Learning

Discussion-based Teaching and Handling Controversial Topics in the Classroom http://www.crlt.umich.edu/tstrategies/tsd	<i>This is an annotated bibliography of resources on facilitating discussion.</i>
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