

After three months of classes, we at ITS felt that the students followed all the lessons offered through CopyrightX, both the Brazilian and the American ones, with plenty attention and also some sort of enjoyment. They were excited about having a large community to discuss with, especially due to a wide range of background involved among the attendees' careers, and of course for the unique opportunity to be enrolled in a Harvard initiative. They were really proud of it, with many sharing information regarding this fact on the Facebook. The same occurred when they received the final certificates. Overall, we at ITS were very happy to see that it was definitely not one more MOOC, but a much more social and engaging experience than the average for all the people involved, both instructors and students.

Considering that most universities in the whole country have been using materials written by professors associated to ITS, even more when it comes to intellectual property rights, those outside Rio were also pleased to join them for the weekly discussions. We could see clearly how the live element in our classes made them get in touch not only with the professors but with each other. At the end of the course, they got to know how to set up an AnyMeeting Virtual Classroom in order to study together in preparation for the final exam. After a survey we concluded that, despite some brief technical difficulties on the first two weeks, AnyMeeting was a complete platform. It let us share all kinds of content with more than 40 people connected at the same time and everything run smoothly.

Other than this, Facebook was our major ground for informal debates and we got very successful stimulating broader discussions, sharing news articles and reviewing local cases in our closed group. Students pointed out that they felt more welcomed by Facebook, as a tool they already knew and were using anyway, than the CopyX Forest Forum. They also sent some suggestions, like making an specific module or activity where CopyX students from all over the world have to exchange personal experiences/local cases with others, and also mentioned that they would feel honoured to be part of a special live discussion with Professor Fisher or other people from Harvard.

One more time, speaking for all the Brazilians involved in CopyrightX, we would like to say thank you very much! This experience was amazing for everyone as far as we could see!

Best regards,

CopyrightX Brasil Team – ITS.