

Thema Reflective Survey: Messages to Students

Full-time students

Pen-pals

Dear Thema case-study students,

I realise it isn't long since you sent in your final email update (for which thank you very much: we had a bumper crop of reports on your dissertations!). However, as we explained in the message that we sent out with the questions, the Thema project is starting to hot up. It's now time to fill in the second of our two online surveys, along with the students who haven't been contributing case studies. This survey is important, as it will provide the crucial quantitative data that will provide the background to your case studies.

You will find the survey at the link below, and you need to allow at least 30 minutes to answer all the questions. So, if you don't have time to complete it right now, then come back to this message later. If you encounter any problems when you're going through the survey, then do contact me.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE: A number of the questions are based on comments that some of you have made in your email updates. This is because we want to find out the extent to which other people have had the same experience or hold the same opinion. If you KNOW that you have written to us about a particular question and have nothing additional to tell, simply say so in the answer box.

The link to the survey is: <http://tinyurl.com/63djyu>

We would be grateful if you could complete the survey by Tuesday, 17th June.

Thank you for your contribution, and we look forward to meeting you in person very soon.

Best wishes,

Liz

PS I apologise for this impersonal "mass mailing," but this message is going out to a large number of people.

Survey-only students

Dear Students,

First of all, I hope that you have had an enjoyable and rewarding experience in Oxford. Back in October, you kindly agreed to participate in our research project, Thema, which aims to find what it means to be a Master's student in a digital age. This involved completing two online surveys in return for the sum of £30.

The initial survey was a huge success, yielding some valuable data and uncovering a number of themes which we have been following up with our case-study students. It's now time for the second survey, in which we ask you to look back over the past 7-8 months and tell us how the course has gone, and how you have used technology (or not) in your academic and personal life.

You will find the survey at the link below. As with the first one, you need to allow at least 30-45 minutes to answer all the questions. So, if you don't have time to complete it right now, then come back to this message later. If you encounter any problems when you're going through the survey, then do contact me.

<http://tinyurl.com/63djyu>

We would be grateful if you could complete the survey by Tuesday, 17th June. When you have done so, could you print and fill in the attached payment form as follows, please? Thank you.

- Payee: i.e. your name
- Address: your college
- Bank sort code and account number: ****This must be a UK bank****
- Your National Insurance number OR your nationality if you don't have an NI number
- Prepared by: your signature
- Date

Send the form back to us by post or fax (details below). For security reasons, do not send it as an email attachment. We will make the payment direct to your bank account as soon as possible after we have checked through your responses, in case we need to contact you for clarification on any aspect of them. If this payment procedure will cause you problems, please let me know immediately and we'll find an alternative method of payment.

Once again, thank you for your interest in Thema, and please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions about the project.

Best wishes,

Liz

Part-time students

Two similar pairs of messages were sent to students on the Applied Landscape Archaeology and International Human Rights Law courses.