

## The One Laptop Per Child – Debate (to be held Oct. 17)

The One Laptop Per Child (OLPC), also known as the \$100 Laptop, has been one of the most visible and discussed technology for development projects in the recent past. One challenge has been the limited information that has been officially released, combined with an evolution of the technology based on ongoing design.

The in-class debate consists of various stakeholders discussing the project from varying perspectives, to an audience of a government-created committee.

The topic at hand is: Is the OLPC a good idea for the Govt. of Peru to buy into?

The stakeholders are:

Teachers

Parents

Govt. officials

An IT industry professional or executive

There will be discussions pro and con the idea.

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Of the 11 students in the class, there will be 8 debaters spanning the 4 stakeholders, pro and con, plus 3 students representing government committee members (panel of experts who are asking questions based on their respective domains).

All students are expected to submit their talking points before the debate (electronically to bboard, due before class). Each debater will present for ~4-5 minutes, and then there will be questions asked by the Expert Committee. After this, there will be open and directed questions to try and determine a consensus policy (if any!)

Teacher	pro	F07	asajan	Sajan	Alif
	con	F07	eyamprat	Yampratoom	Ed
IT	pro	F07	eteves	Teves	Ermine
	con	F07	ehoke	Hoke	Evan
Parent	pro	F07	jkang1	Kang	Jessica
	con	F07	kmenzies	Menzies	Katherine
Government	pro	F07	mpitsch	Pitsch	Madeleine
	con	F07	sduric	Duric	Sonja
Committee	Finance	F07	sparulek	Parulekar	Sateja
	Education	F07	wshutt	Shutt	Wendy
	IT	F07	wtsao	Tsao	Wilson