

## **Situating Myself within LDT \_ 2**

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**Asma as A person and My Background**

Nothing new is here, except that I feel lucky enough to meet and interact with all those faculty members, professors, PhD students and librarians either in this course or others. Surely, all those people will add a lot to Asma as a person and will create a better version of me.

**Learning Theories or Theorists That I Am Drawn To**

During the past three weeks, my reading focused a lot on learning theories. I retrieved a lot of previous information about theories that I had experienced, either in my previous reading or previous knowledge about them. I remembered a lot of information that evaporated and was lost over time, and I did not practice it. On the other hand, I read about some new theories that I read about for the first time, like self-determination theory. I would like to do research and learn more about them, their principles, and their implications. The past period has been very enriching, as it has reinforced for me the concept of how important educational theories are for educational designers, teachers, and academic researchers as well. They are considered a strong basis and foundation for designing educational content, presenting a lesson, or writing research that can generate meaningful results, enhance teaching practices or learning strategies, or enhance learning outcomes. These theories frame everything related to the principles of learning, the principles of design, the nature of learners and their characteristics, what suits them, what suits their social contexts, how they think, how they analyze information, how they expect to receive information, and so on. Finally, we also have a great chance to construct our own learning theory that will probably fit with our experiences, contexts, and learners. To do so, we need to reflect critically upon those available theories, and we should have the intention to recursively build our personal theory of learning.

**My Experiences with Conducting Research**

No related update in this part.

**The Last Study in Which I was Involved.**

I am currently working on developing a research proposal related to investigating the effectiveness of using artificial intelligence (whether as tools or algorithms) to enhance the scientific research skills of doctoral students in the field of educational technology. I am still working on and submitting the proposal to both my RB and my professor to review it and share their suggestions, comments, and feedback. In addition, I am studying the possibility of applying this research in the coming semesters and going beyond this proposal.

On the other side, I started reading more and focused more on my research interests, which are emergency technology and, in particular, learning analytics.