

"To question is to be awake. To accept without questioning is to sleepwalk through the thoughts of others."



Analytical Inquiry

Learning to Ask Better Questions

We live in an age of instant answers, yet we are losing the ability to frame the right questions. This workshop introduces students to the dual power of Socratic Cross-Examination and the Madhyamaka 'Prasangika' method. Participants will learn that true intelligence is not found in the quantity of one's knowledge, but in the quality of one's inquiry. We move from "accepting information" to "dissecting premises."

Format

- Duration: 120-180 minutes (Broken into components of 45-60 minutes each)
- Interactive discussions, case based exercises and argumentation
- Open Q&A

Key Learning Pillars

The Anatomy of a Premise:

Identifying the hidden assumptions that lurk beneath every statement. Before you answer a question, you must first "question the question."

Socratic Elenchus (The Gadfly

Method): Learning to use a series of small, logical questions

to reveal the inconsistencies in an opponent's (or one's own) beliefs.

The Buddhist Art of 'Vichara' or

Investigation: Shifting from superficial curiosity to "Deep Inquiry"—the practice of looking at an idea until its inherent nature is understood.

The Power of 'Prasangika'

(Consequence-finding): A unique logic tool from Nagarjuna's tradition. Learn how to follow a thought to its logical conclusion to see if it stands or collapses under its own weight.

What Students Will Gain

Intellectual Sovereignty: The ability to not be easily swayed by rhetoric, "fake news," or emotional manipulation.

Research Rigor: A framework for PhD-level inquiry, useful for academic writing and complex problem-solving.

Creative Confidence: By changing the frame of the question and triggering "lateral thinking", it becomes possible to unlock creative solutions that others miss.

From Rote to Reason: Transitioning from the habit of

"absorbing answers" to the practice of "investigating truths."

The Conversational Edge:

Transitioning from being a passive participant to a thoughtful interlocutor who has the ability to think deeply.