Learning from Discussion is Hard (curi.us/2338)
(note: this idea-tree was not made by curi)
Two major reasons

people behave socially and expect others to

Effort goes into social hierarchy stuff, not learning

people are complex and flawed

being complex and flawed is a lot to deal with

complex subjects make the subject even harder to deal with (e.g., physics or philosophy)

they also have to deal with:

misscommunication

scheduling

mutual benefit

different background knowledge

fluency in multiple perspectives