**Dissertation workshop 2: developing a topic and research question.**

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| 1. In no more than 3-4 sentences, explain the issue/topic/problem you are thinking about exploring in your dissertation: |
| 1. Summarise how you intend to narrow this topic down (e.g., by reading, and by finding ways of limiting the scope, e.g., by looking at a specific context). |
| 1. By reading **at least** two academic articles on your topic of choice, try to summarise what the key issues relating to your issue/topic/problem are. To produce this summary it might help to work through the following questions:    1. How is the issue/topic/problem described in the two sources?    2. What theories are used to understand and explore your issue/topic/ problem?    3. What are the key debates in the literature?    4. What methodologies and methods are used by researchers who have addressed your research issue/topic/ problem? |
| 1. Are there any gaps or debates that you think you could address in your dissertation research? |
| 1. What is your proposed research aim and question? |