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Research Design Canvas

Literatures

What bodies of literature or areas of research will be used?  
What are the key papers / studies in each literature?  
Will each literature play an equally important role in research?  
Are the literatures from different disciplines / fields?



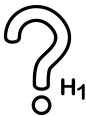
Observations & Arguments

What themes / issues are evident in the literatures?  
What gap(s) / problem(s) are evident in the literatures?  
What are the costs or risks of not addressing the gap(s) / problem(s) for researchers in the literature?



Research Questions

What are the research questions?  
What is the value of investigating them?  
Are there any tentative hypotheses?



Contributions

What are the potential contributions of the research?  
Who are the key stakeholders and what benefits will the research provide to them?



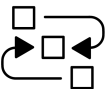
Sample / Context

What sampling methods and sample will be used?  
Will the context of the research play an important role?  
If so, what are the distinctive characteristics of the context?



Methodology / Design

What is the overall design or methodology for the study?  
What are the key principles / objectives of the methodology?  
What are the quality criteria for evaluating the design or methodology?



Methods

What methods of data collection and analysis will be utilised?  
What are the key features or strengths of each method?  
Will the methods be used in a particular sequence?  
How do the methods compliment each other?



Theory

Will theory be an important part of your research?  
What role will theory play in your project?  
What theoretical ideas / concepts / model / framework do you intend to use or develop  
What does theory mean or what constitutes theory in your discipline or field?



Problem / Phenomenon

Does a real-world problem(s) motivate the project?  
What are the main phenomenon and specific sub-phenomena being investigated?



Assumptions / Paradigm

Is the research based upon particular philosophical assumptions?  
Does the research operate within a specific paradigm?



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