

Gap Spotting

↳ Review lit → locate gap → propose study

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↳ Review lit → surface assumptions → challenge
→ use alternative assumption ground to
generate new res questions.

Assumptions → presuppositions that make a
theory possible
→ try treating common sense
truths as assumptions that
could be otherwise

5 kinds of Assumptions

↳ In-House assumptions

- shared within a particular school of
thoughts, taken as unproblematic by
insiders

↳ Root metaphor assumptions

/ metaphors shaping how

- Basic images / metaphors / ...
a topic is imagined.

↳ Paradigm assumptions
- ontology / epistemological / methodological
foundations on how reality are assumed

↳ Ideology assumptions
- political / moral assumptions about
what is desirable, problematic, or
normal

↳ Field assumptions

- Broad assumptions shared across
multiple schools.

Methodological principles:

1. Identify a literature domain

2. Identify & articulate underlying
assumptions.

3. Evaluate which assumptions are worth
challenging

4. Develop an alternative assumptions
grounds.