

*Developmental puzzles* First, you might, for example, pose a developmental puzzle – **how and why did  $x$  or  $y$  develop?** The  $x$  or  $y$  might be anything, ontologically speaking, for example, racist attitudes, cultural imperialism, the American system of government, a mental illness, and so on.

*Mechanical puzzles* Alternatively, your puzzle might be about how something works or is constituted. **How does  $x$  or  $y$  work? Why does it work in this way?** Again,  $x$  or  $y$  might be anything – intimate personal relationships, a legal system, a penal institution, the human psyche, and so on.

*Comparative puzzles* **Your puzzle might be about what we can learn from comparing  $x$  and  $y$ , and how we can explain differences and similarities between them.** This could involve comparing legal or social institutions internationally, different cultural objects or artefacts, or groups of people with different sets of experiences, for example.

*Causal/predictive puzzles* You might be interested in causality, and pose a puzzle about **what influence  $x$  has on  $y$ , or what causes  $x$  or  $y$ ?** You might extend that into a predictive puzzle - what is the likely outcome of  $x$  or  $y$ , where  $x$  or  $y$  might be a social intervention or programme for example.