

## Checklist for formulating research questions

1. Does your study have a research question, which is spelled out clearly?
2. You should be aware of where your research questions come from and what you want to achieve with them.
  - Is your interest in the contents of the research question the main motivation?
  - Or is answering the research question more a means to an end, like achieving an academic degree?
3. How many research questions has your study?
  - Are there too many?
  - Which is the main question?
4. Can your research question be answered?
  - What could an answer look like?
5. Can your research question be answered empirically?
  - Who can provide insights for that?
  - Can you reach these people?
  - Where can you find such people?
  - Which situations can give you insights for answering your research questions, and are these situations accessible?
6. How clearly is your research question formulated?
7. What are the methodological consequences of the research question?
  - What resources are needed (e.g. how much time is needed)?
8. If necessary for the type of study you chose, did you formulate hypotheses?
  - Are they formulated clearly, in a well-defined and testable way?
9. Can they be tested? By which methods?