

Preparations

for the session on

Answering the right questions: Leveraging multiple methods to answer what you were looking for

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Preparation task

The task is roughly equivalent to the one in the tutoring sessions. So, if you participate in the tutoring sessions, you are already prepared. (The tutoring may have helped you already to make a move forward and shape and concisely express the research goal, and to find appropriate questions and fitting paths to answer these questions.)

For all others:

Pick **one specific** research project that you currently work on or want to start soon. (If you are in a late phase of your current project, we recommend to think of the to do next; e.g., a question left open in your current work and that you want to address in a next step.)

Please, reflect on your **research goal** and the **one** (or maximum 2) **research question(s)** that you aim to answer.

- 1) **Write down** your **research goal** in 3 sentences as concise as possible.
- 2) Formulate and **write down** the **research question** (or the 2 questions) that you aim to answer.

Try to be concise, targeted, and “to the point”!

Rationale

Being clear about your goal and research questions will help you to better reflect on the contents presented with respect to your specific goal and questions.

We will discuss (selected) preparations in small groups with peer feedback in the hands-on part of the session.

The ultimate goal is to find fitting paths to answer your questions.