



## Critical analysis of research papers

One important skill that researchers need to develop is critical analysis of the research literature. In order to successfully position your work in the wider research context you need to be able to identify the boundaries of your field and to add to or challenge the work of other researchers. This process can be daunting to start with as its difficult to know where to begin.

In this workshop you will develop a simple toolkit of approaches for critically approaching the literature. We begin by looking at the purpose and practicalities of critical review. We'll consider search strategies and think about how we can quickly identify papers of suitable quality. We'll address reading with purpose and working in support of your thesis/ argument. We'll also deconstruct the most common publication format, with a view to considering what we should be looking for. Participants will be asked to bring along work from their field in order to practice what we learn in the workshop.

A 3-hour interactive workshop for postgraduate researchers. It can be delivered in person or online.

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