

Thesis/paper research question brainstorm

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What makes a good research question?

- Specific
- Evokes rich answer (cf. *Destination Dissertation*, Foss 2015)
- Of interest to researcher
- (Of interest to research community)
- Answerable based on researchers' current or near-term expertise
 - Right fields involved?
 - Is enough already known?

Refining questions

- How could this be made more specific?
- How could this be made “richer” in its possible answers?
- What kinds of expertise are required to answer?
- What connects this question to other research concerns?
- What connects this question to societal needs?
 - => What additional literatures/stakeholder groups does that suggest?
- For “area of interest”: What are some possible RQs in this area?