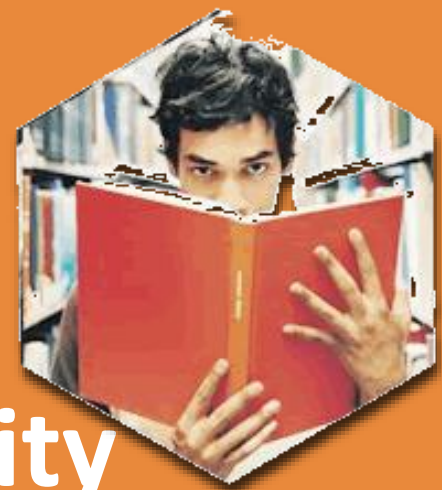


Literature review



Finding and assessing quality research information

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Outline

- **The Literature Review**
- **SAGE Research Methods**
- **Finding Information**
- **Different places to search**
- **Evaluating the quality of the Information**



Literature Review follow-up

Examples of literature reviews:

- Emerald database

More information:

- SAGE Research Methods



Sage Research Methods

Useful for:

- Finding research methods
- Data analysis
- Examples

Format:

- Articles/chapters
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Challenges facing new HDR students

- Planning your search for different stages of your study
- Identifying which resources to use
- Searching effectively – making sure you “get everything”
- Keeping current in your research field



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Indicators of quality

- Author affiliation?
- Publishers
 - University Presses, Routledge, Wiley etc
- Journals
 - Peer-reviewed
 - Indexed in Web of Science/ Scopus
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