

Social Contract

If you are working in a group of three, you must produce a Social Contract and include this with your report.

HOW we do things matters as much as WHAT we do! We hope that you will think carefully – individually and collectively – about your ‘ways of working together’. ‘Policy’ can be made, or tested, in these ways. The materials below might be useful in this regard.

Create your own one-page social contract for working on your project

A social contract is a designed agreement for a set of values, behaviours and social norms including the consequences if the contract is broken. Be prepared to share your social contract with peers outside your group.

- discuss and agreed values for working collaboratively
- discuss and agree behaviours for working collaboratively
- discuss and agree expectations for working collaboratively
- how would you hold someone accountable if someone broke the agreed social contract?

For some introduction to the background and various practices of the social contract as well as feminist/activist perspectives on social contract theory (which includes sections on ‘arguing from care’ and the ‘race-conscious argument’):

<https://www.iep.utm.edu/soc-cont/>

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