

## Research Plan Assignment

You are expected to develop a research plan, which includes the following parts:

- A research topic (which may or may not be your final MA thesis topic)
- A brief literature review based on 2-3 published research articles
- A research statement
- One or two main research questions (which may be divided into a number of sub-questions)
- A research approach (which proposes suitable research methodology and methods)

You will also briefly present this plan in the lecture on **12 Feb 2018**. This should take about 5 minutes to present. The presentation will provide an overview of all the parts of your research plan, except the literature review.

Please use the template files provided in Microsoft Word. The final submissions should be in PDF format.

The research plan should be 2 pages, and the presentation should be 1 page.

**Submissions will open at 10:00 on 1 Feb, and close at 10:00 on 12 Feb.**

## Schedule

### Week 1:

- Choose a research topic. It can be your MA thesis topic, or another topic.
- Find and read 2-3 published research articles related to your topic.

### Week 2:

- Write a brief literature review of the 2-3 articles you have read.

### Week 3:

- Write a research statement.
- Formulate 1-2 research questions.

### Week 4:

- Propose a research approach by identifying suitable research methodology and methods.

### Week 5:

- Complete and submit the research plan document (see the Assignments section).

### Week 6:

- Present your research plan in the lecture (see the Assignments section).