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# Literature review assignment

March 13, 2023

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**Literature review, as an endeavor, is**

- **Informative**
  - **Interesting**
  - **Thought-provoking**
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## It helps you...

- **Learn** about an issue of importance to you
  - Gain a thorough **understanding** of the research that has been conducted
  - Learn what **gaps** exist in the literature in your area of focus
  - You will gain valuable **expertise** about your area of study
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# A literature review

- Will **relate directly** to your research question(s)
  - Will reflect on what areas you **leave out** and why
  - **Summarises** existing (and possibly up to date) research in the field
  - Uses **critical thinking**
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# Critical thinking

Is **different from criticizing**.

Use your thinking capabilities to note:

- strengths
- limitations
- missing links
- possible logical inconsistencies

of the text you are analyzing

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*New deadline: March 27*

- Choose **two articles**
  - Write a 300–400 words **critical text** on each article
  - If it makes sense, you can compare them
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**Second year** students have the **option to**:

- Write a **review** of a chosen text: an article, a book or book chapter,  
**or**
  - Write a **list** of literature they are reading, and a small **description** of how this **selection** was made
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## Course Exercise: how to find a topic... ...for an interesting project

- Form groups of 3
  - Discussion: find 1–3 methods you can use
  - Write them in the class board
  - Pick up 3 methods from your peer and discuss them
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