Purpose of this workshop – Feel confident in conducting a Literature Review on your chosen topic in order to generate a valid Research Question.

Questions to consider while formulating Research Topic:

- Have you decided on your dissertation Research Topic?
- Are you still in the process of formulating a Research Question?
- Is it achievable within the allotted time scale?
- Are there sufficient library resources to answer your particular research question?
- What library resources have you used for previous assignments and projects?
- Are these sufficient to complete your dissertation?
- If you intend using non library resources, consider their availability and accessibility?
- Are there any particular questions or issues you would like me to cover in the class?

Simply search the Library Catalogue for a list of Books on Business Research Methods
These books provide a good introduction to the research process.

Thinking about your own Research Topic

- Will be Cross Disciplinary.
- Conducting Secondary rather than Primary Research
- Consulting a variety of Sources.

Six step process to developing a Research Question:
Solution fluency is six steps creative learning approach to problem solving within real time.
It is very applicable to developing a research topic.
Each step is self-explanatory
Please see web link below for more details.
https://globaldigitalcitizen.org/21st-century-fluencies/solution-fluency/

Develop a Personal Knowledge Management (PKM) Routine:
Harold Jarche is a Knowledge Management consultant who blogs about Organizational learning.
He has developed a PKM framework which I think is very applicable to undertaking a dissertation.
http://www.jarche.com/2014/03/what-is-your-pkm-routine/
It consists of three components

Applying this model to undertaking a Literature review you have to Seek out, what already has been written and published before by other scholars in your designated subject field. This knowledge can be collated from a variety of sources.

- Books
- Journals
- Handbooks (provides a holistic perspective on a topic, as key authors in the field contribute to it)
- Government Reports
- Professional Associations
- Commercial Reports
- Newspapers
- Trade Press
- Social Media
- Blogs
- Audio Recordings
- Video

You critically analyse, and synthesise this knowledge to make Sense of it. Finally based on your own research findings Share your individual knowledge contribution to the subject field via your dissertation, or publishing a scholarly journal article based upon it.

**Importance of Thinking in Keywords:**
Setting the context:
- Each subject has its own individual glossary of keywords.
- Publishers catalogue journal articles in terms of keywords.
- Authors supply their own keywords for articles.
- Publishers & Database providers use their own keywords for journal articles (Subject terms).
- Key words are important for Search Engine Optimisation (SEO).

**Mendeley:**
I think the real value of setting up a Mendeley account is the ability to search across the database of references uploaded by its one million users via the **papers** tab. In the screen shot below we are searching for articles on “Employee Creativity”.

You can then cross check with the library, any journal references which may be of interest. If the library does not have full text access to a particular journal reference, it can be requested via Inter library Loans.

**Double Check Reference lists:**
Remember scholars due to time constraints occasionally can make slight errors in their reference lists. This normally consists of wrong volume number, page numbers or year. So it is always worth double checking the citation by simply putting it into Google Scholar. Which ultimately could save you a lot of heartache, when trying to track down a particular reference?
Dissertation Databases:
The Library has two databases for tracking down dissertations. See screen shots below

ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Abstract & Index will not provide full text. It can be difficult to obtain US dissertations via Inter Library Loan, and faster to purchase a downloadable copy direct from ProQuest.

Diigo:
I use diigo to capture websites of interest, it has a facility to tag and make notes.
Feel free to use any of the resources listed in my diigo account. 
https://www.diigo.com/user/petereilly33

**Work Smarter by using Reference Management Software.**

- Endnote Online
- Mendeley
- Zotero

Do not just keep gathering articles, - important to refine and reflect on what you have already read.