Research Questions and Design Checklist

## Introductory context:

* What are the motivations for your research?
* How did your research questions emerge?
* What (or who) was a big influence on your thinking and project design?
* What are the theories which underpin your research?
* Are there any past studies which have influenced your work?
* What do you think are the most original or innovative parts of your work?
* Explain your project in two minutes.

## Methods, design, and the analysis process:

* How did you conduct the research? Explain the methods chosen and why.
* Did the project have a specific methodology? If so, explain what this was and the reason for selection.
* Are there any other studies that have influenced your research design and methods? If so, can you explain these?
* What was your sample? Tell me about this (why, who, access, limitations).
* Explain the process of how you organized your data (so, how did you sort it out and get it in order to be analysed?).
* How did you analyse the data?
* If you started the whole project again, what would you do differently and why? (Hint, this helps you think about limitations!)
* If you started the whole project again, what would you do the same?
* What do you think are the most important ethical considerations in your research?

## Results:

* Describe your main findings in a few sentences.
* How does the data collected answer the research questions?
* Do your findings challenge the literature? If so, how?
* Do your findings align with the literature in this field? If so, how?
* Which parts of your work did you find most interesting and why?
* What are the strongest parts of your research? Why?
* What are the weakest parts of your research? Why?
* Did anything go wrong? If so, did you learn from it and what would you do differently next time?

## Implications and future directions:

* What do you think the implications are of your research?
* Are there any potential implications beyond academia? If so, what might these be?
* How do you think that your research could be followed up and taken further?
* How do you think you could share your findings?

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