



**The Research Framework:  
Methodology, Law and Ethics**

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**Methodology**

- ◆ **What are you trying to do? What is your question (or aim)?**
- ◆ **How will you go about answering your research question (or achieving your aim)?**
- ◆ **What will characterise good research?**
- ◆ **How are law and ethics relevant to your research?**

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**Law (1): Law as it applies to others**

- ◆ **Sources**
- ◆ **What people cannot say**
- ◆ **What people must say**
- ◆ **What have people said?**
- ◆ **What can you make people say?**
- ◆ **What can you get people to say?**

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### Law (2): Law as it applies to you

- ◆ Contempt, Defamation, Data Protection, Confidentiality
- ◆ Counter-terrorism laws in the UK: possession of materials; attendance at places;
- ◆ Counter-terrorism laws in the UK: obligations to disclose
- ◆ Production orders (CT laws and criminal laws)
- ◆ You and your institution

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### Ethics (1): Research ethics protocols

- ◆ Research involving human subjects
- ◆ Risks to participants
- ◆ Risks to researchers
- ◆ Data management

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### Ethics (2): Research and ethics

- ◆ Research ethics approval / ethical research
- ◆ When do ethical issues arise?
- ◆ Ask for advice!!

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