

## 1 First Steps

### A. Individual Exercise

1. Recall the possible formats of the tech policy research format.
2. Write down and explore several possible topics. Consider:
  - a. how interesting the question is to you
  - b. how the research will be helpful to you and others
  - c. questions of scope and feasibility- possible roadblocks and pitfalls
  - d. is it within your area of expertise; is there an appropriate supervisor
  - e. how would you be able to write something original/new
  - f. does it fit within the course parameters?
  - g. What are the advantages/disadvantages of pursuing each topic
  - h. is your posing of the question objective and considered

### B. Group Exercise

We will spend some time sharing your topic ideas and giving each other advice.