**Database Research Handout**

1. Reflection: What kind of data do you need? (for example, you need to show gaps in previous research, background information, and theories for your Literature Review; you may need company data or case studies for your analysis; you may need demographic data or mapping data to explain your results).
2. Look at a couple of the open data links and see if there is anything useful.
3. Using the key words from your research question:
4. Search using three different search engines: identify one useful source from your search and copy the title of the web page here:
5. Search using three different library databases: identify one useful source from your search and copy the title of the source here:
6. Use Springer and JSTOR databases and perform search using your keywords; how many hits did you get for each database?
7. Use Boolean Operators (and, or) and/or quotation marks to limit your search and compare your results. How many hits did you get as you modified your search?
8. Choose one useful article in PDF, download it and add it to Mendeley.com
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