

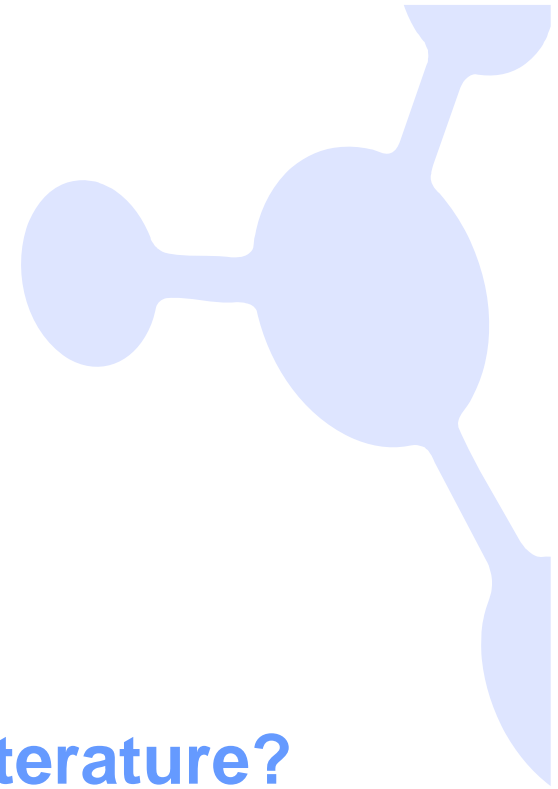


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How to work with the literature?



Literature research

- Where to look for literature
 - Goggle does not find everything !!
 - Ebsco: search.epnet.com (only through the university network)
 - Scirus.com
 - scholar.google.com
 - ULB: Opac, DigiBib, EZB, LOTSE
 - eLibrary of AIS → MISQ, JAIS, CAIS, ACM
 - IS conferences: HICSS, ECIS, ICIS, AMCIS, ...
- How to look for adequate literature
 - Pyramid scheme: use the references of your sources
 - Variation of keywords and search items !!
 - Don't give up too fast!

Evaluation of the literature

- Title → relevance
 - Keywords, abstract
- Author → expertise
 - Affiliation, citations
- Outlet → reputation
 - Reputation of the journal
 - Target audience
- Date → actuality
 - Trade off between actuality and degree of maturity
- Length → detailedness, completeness

Handling of the literature

- Critical handling
 - Not everything that has been written down has to be correct or important
 - You should advance your own view
 - In most cases there is no consistent definition of something
 - You should quote (and discuss) several definitions
 - You could synthesise an own definition or use one of them as a working definition