FOHS899 MRES workshops
Day 1, 30 January 2015: Research in the Human Sciences

Preliminary questions

1. Jot down whatever comes to mind when you think of the words ‘science’ and ‘human’.

2. Can you write a short paragraph defining/describing what it means to do research in the human sciences? What are we trying to understand through the human sciences?

3. Name some areas of research that make up the human sciences. What connects and/or differentiates these areas of study?

4. What do you think makes research in the human sciences unique or unusual? Think in terms of the subject matter, methods, evidence, data, etc.

5. Can you see some key differences and/or similarities between the types of research done in the human sciences and those in other areas of scholarship such as the arts (e.g. ancient history, english, philosophy) and the sciences (e.g. physics, biology, computing)?