

# Finding a Topic for a Term Paper:

Previous knowledge?  
Interests? Strengths?

Open questions in your  
own lecture transcripts  
from past lectures and  
seminars?

Open questions from  
reading professional  
literature?

Formulate the research  
question:

- Describe the motivation / phenomenon for wanting to pursue the topic.
- Narrow down the topic (e.g. in terms of content, location, time)
- Formulate the research question in a detailed (meaningful and coherent) way!