

# Review of: "Using concepts related to research design while writing thesis and dissertation at universities: questioning the status quo"

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1. *Perhaps you can also include the terminology "research approach" as many researchers use this interchangeably with "research design". This will further strengthen your inquiry*
2. *Research sources I can strongly recommend are:*
  - a) Maree, K. (2019). *First steps in research* (3rd. ed.). Pretoria: Van Schaiks
  - b) Babie, E.R., & Mouton, J. (2001). *The practice of social research*. Cape Town: Oxford University Press
  - c) Van der Walt, J.L., & Potgieter, F. (2012). *Research method in education: The frame by which the picture hangs*. *International Journal of Multiple Research Approaches* , 6(3), pp. 220-232.
3. *The research methodology must also be aligned with a research paradigm (e.g., positivism, interpretivism, critical theory, constructivism, and postmodernism). The ontology, epistemology, and axiology will determine the methodology, because it shapes the way research is conducted and the kinds of questions that are asked. It is a set of assumptions and beliefs that guide researchers in their investigation of a particular phenomenon.*