

1st EE Reflection

These topics are to be the focus of the your 1st reflection:

1. Discussion about the topic, the research approach and the methods
2. Discussion of alternative RQs (very brief, if necessary!)

Here are some questions to guide your reflection writing:

- Why did you choose your topic? Why do you feel it's appropriate?
- What is your research question (or possible questions)?
- What process did you undertake to get to your RQ?
- What are possible methods/approaches for answering your question?
- What types of sources are appropriate/inappropriate?
- What have you learnt so far?
- Are there any ethical issues that you need to consider?
- What are academic honesty problems to avoid?

Sample:

After considering several topics, I decided to better understand the economics behind a hugely discussed topic in Germany: Rent controls. In 2015, Berlin was the first German city to introduce rent controls and sparked an intense discussion in German politics. I want to investigate the effectiveness these rent controls had on creating affordable housing in Berlin between 2015 and 2019. I will look at the economic theories of price control, market failures, and perfect competition. Currently, I'm focusing on collecting data from Berlin's real estate market before and after the introduction of rent controls. Next, I will read literature on rent control, read research reports, and interview an expert, asking about the effects the legislation had. A challenge I see arising is running out of time, due to the ambitious timeline. Therefore, I decided to finish writing my essay over the summer. (Words: 142)