Research methods summary table (AKA “Magic table” 2.0)\*

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| **Research aims** | **Research questions** | **Data sources**  (or: Methods of data collection) | **Methods of data analysis** |
| Aim 1 | RQ 1. |  |  |
| Aim 2 | RQ 2. |
| Aim 3 | RQ 3. |  |  |

\* Please note that this table only serves as a guide. It can be varied according to your needs. Maybe you’ll need a separate line for all your RQs. Maybe one aim has to be researched by posing two RQs, etc.

You may also want to indicate if your research is to be made up of several stages, e.g., a theoretical stage (Stage 1), upon which an empirical stage is built (Stage 2). If your research is planned to contain various studies, you can also indicate that, e.g., Study 1 – Interviews with secondary school teachers, Study 2 – Class observations, Study 3 – Interviews with teacher trainers, etc. You can put these indications in an already existing column or one that you add wherever relevant.

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