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RDC Connections Evaluation

Building Block	Questions	Comments and Suggested Actions
Problem / Phenomenon	Do the problem description and / or phenomenon effectively introduce and encapsulate the project, and foreshadow the other building blocks?	
Assumptions / Paradigm	Do the stated assumptions or paradigm provide guidance for other parts of the research, including literatures, methodology or design, methods, theory, and research questions?	
Literatures	Are the phenomenon evident in the literatures? Are the stated assumptions / paradigm reflected in the literatures? If not, does this lead to fundamentally different, and potentially inconsistent, phenomena or objectives? If theoretical questions are asked is the theoretical literature represented here and has it been effectively engaged?	
Observations & Arguments	Do observations and arguments clearly lead to the research questions, either supporting or motivating them?	
Research Questions	Do the research questions reflect the stated phenomenon? Are the research questions consistent with the assumptions / paradigm?	
Theory	Is theory adequately explained to demonstrate relevancy and appropriateness for the stated research focus? Are the assumptions and objectives of the theory consistent with the stated research approach?	
Methodology / Design	Is the methodology / design consistent with the stated assumptions / paradigm? If the proposed methodology has not been used in identified literatures, is adequate justification for it provided? Is the methodology appropriate to investigate the stated research questions?	
Methods	Will the methods produce the data needed to answer the research questions? Do the features and strengths of the methods uphold and enable the principles and objectives of the methodology or design?	
Sample / Context	Is the sample effectively constructed in relation to phenomenon and questions Are the sampling methods appropriate for the adopted methodology? Does the uniqueness of the sample / context trigger interesting theoretical questions?	
Contributions	Do the contributions logically flow from other building blocks? Are the contributions realistic given the evidence provided in the canvas?	
Overall Comments:	What are the 3 most important issues or problems with connections in the canvas? What are the recommended actions to address and overcome them?	







