THESIS INTRODUCTION STRUCTURE

THE RESEARCH PROBLEM

- Introduce general topic
- Indicate the issue
- Outline the debate: how have relevant academic studies treated the issue before?
- Identify gap in academic lit and why it’s important to fill it
- State your research question/s and/or your overall argument

WHAT WE KNOW

Research themes/background/relevant theory
Can be brief – enough to establish a gap and to justify the research question/s. You may be doing a longer literature review chapter after the thesis introduction.

WHAT WE DON’T KNOW

- Identify the gap
- State the research question/s
- State your argument/s

HOW THE THESIS WILL ADDRESS THE RESEARCH PROBLEM

- Methodology/approach/conceptual framework
- Thesis outline

Literature review