

WHERE RESEARCH BEGINS

What are the best ways to design a research project that is personally meaningful to you, and that matters to the world? In this two-part seminar series, Christopher Rea and Thomas Mullaney, the authors of *Where Research Begins*, will share specific techniques that any researcher—novice or experienced, in any field or discipline—can use to identify a research problem that truly matters to them, and then to build a research project with broader significance.

Both seminars are open to researchers at all levels, and no preparation is required. Just bring yourself, some paper and pens, your questions, and your project ideas. You are welcome to attend both events, or just one.

Join these interactive sessions if you (or your students) have ever:

- Had trouble choosing a research topic, or developing it into a research project
- Experienced difficulty explaining the purpose of your research
- Felt like your research topic was imposed by someone else
- Wanted to learn strategies for connecting with researchers outside your field or discipline
- Been curious about new ways to think about how to do research

About the speakers: <https://whereresearchbegins.com/meet-chris-tom/>

Part 1:

Ask Meaningless Questions; and Other Secrets to Better Research Projects



Prof. Christopher REA

University of British Columbia

Professor Rea will introduce strategies for finding your research problem, using exercises from Part 1 of *Where Research Begins*.

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2023

Time: 16:45-18:15

Location: SIN 1, Department for East Asian Studies/Chinese Studies, Spitalgasse 2, Yard 2, 2.3

Part 2:

What Does It All Mean? How to Figure Out the Problem Underlying Your Research



Prof. Thomas MULLANEY

Stanford University

Professor Mullaney will introduce strategies for identifying and connecting with other scholars who share your research problem, using exercises from Part 2 of *Where Research Begins*.

Date: Monday, May 15, 2023

Time: 18:30 – 20:00

Location: SIN 1, Department for East Asian Studies/Chinese Studies, Spitalgasse 2, Yard 2, 2.3

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