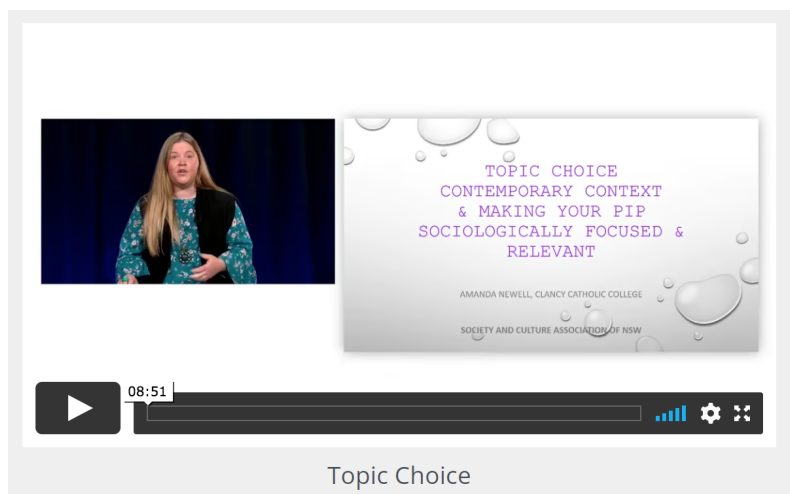


Video: Topic Choice, Contemporary Context and Making your PIP Sociologically Focused & Relevant

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The following worksheets are designed to assist students in applying some of the key ideas from the video featured in the Resources/PIP tab of the member's section of the SCANSW website:

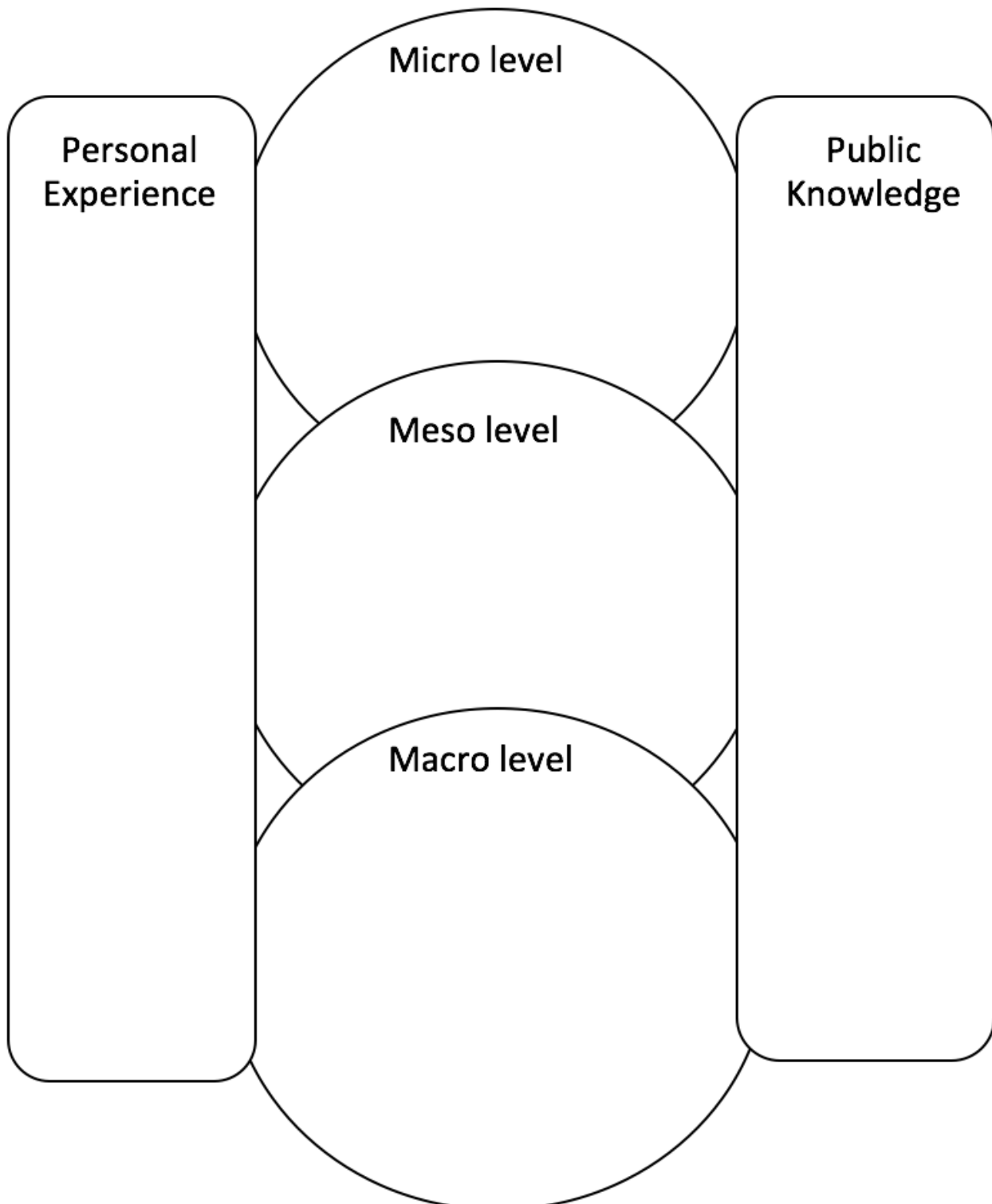
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Step 1: Engage with the world around you

•What **interests** you in the micro, meso and macro levels of society?

Use the following diagram to brainstorm some of your ideas.

Make sure you consider how you could draw upon both **personal experience** and **public knowledge**.



Step 2: Contemporary Context

•It is very important that your PIP topic is related to (or even drawn from) contemporary society and culture.

What is meant by this?

- Contemporary- belonging or occurring in the present
- Context- the setting in which something is taking place

Links to contemporary sources:

- Australian Policy Online <http://apo.org.au/>
- Sydney Ideas, *University of Sydney* (be use to click on past events and Podcasts) <https://www.sydney.edu.au/engage/events-sponsorships/sydney-ideas.html>
- McCrindle (click on Insights tab- Reports + Infographics) <http://www.mccrindle.com.au/>
- Australian Parliamentary Library http://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library
- 4 Corners (visit stories tab- see past years) <http://www.abc.net.au/4corners/>
- The Guardian Weekly <http://www.theguardian.com/weekly>
- The Economist <http://www.economist.com/>
- The Conversation <https://theconversation.com/au>
- SBS on Demand <https://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/>
- Inside Story <http://insidestory.org.au/>
- SBS Insight <https://www.sbs.com.au/news/insight/episodes>
- ABC i View- You Can't Ask That <https://iview.abc.net.au/show/you-can-t-ask-that>
- Everyday sociology www.everydaysociologyblog.com
- Google Scholar <http://scholar.google.com.au>
- Australian Bureau of Statistics www.abs.gov.au

Link your PIP topic ideas to the issues/debates contained within four contemporary sources. Record your findings in the tables below for two PIP topics:

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Step 3: Developing a conceptual, sociological approach to your research topic.

