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*Integrating critical thinking skills
into an employability skills
framework*



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What do we mean by ‘*Employability Skills Framework?*’



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Vocational Pedagogy – Critical to developing ‘working competence’

- Routine expertise – being skilful
- Resourcefulness – dealing with the non-routine
- Functional literacies – Essential Skills
- Craftsmanship – aspiration to do a good job
- Business like attitudes – commercial, financial, social
- Wider skills for growth



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“An objective analysis and evaluation of an issue in order to form a judgement”

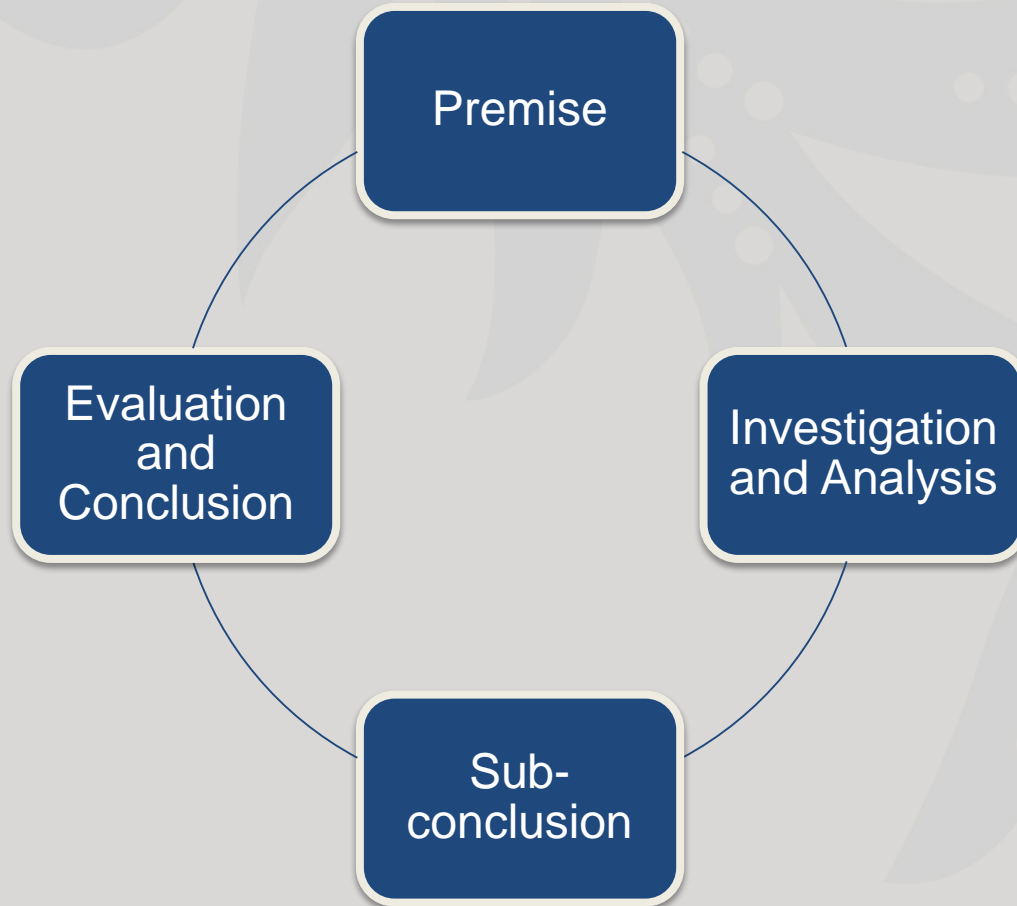
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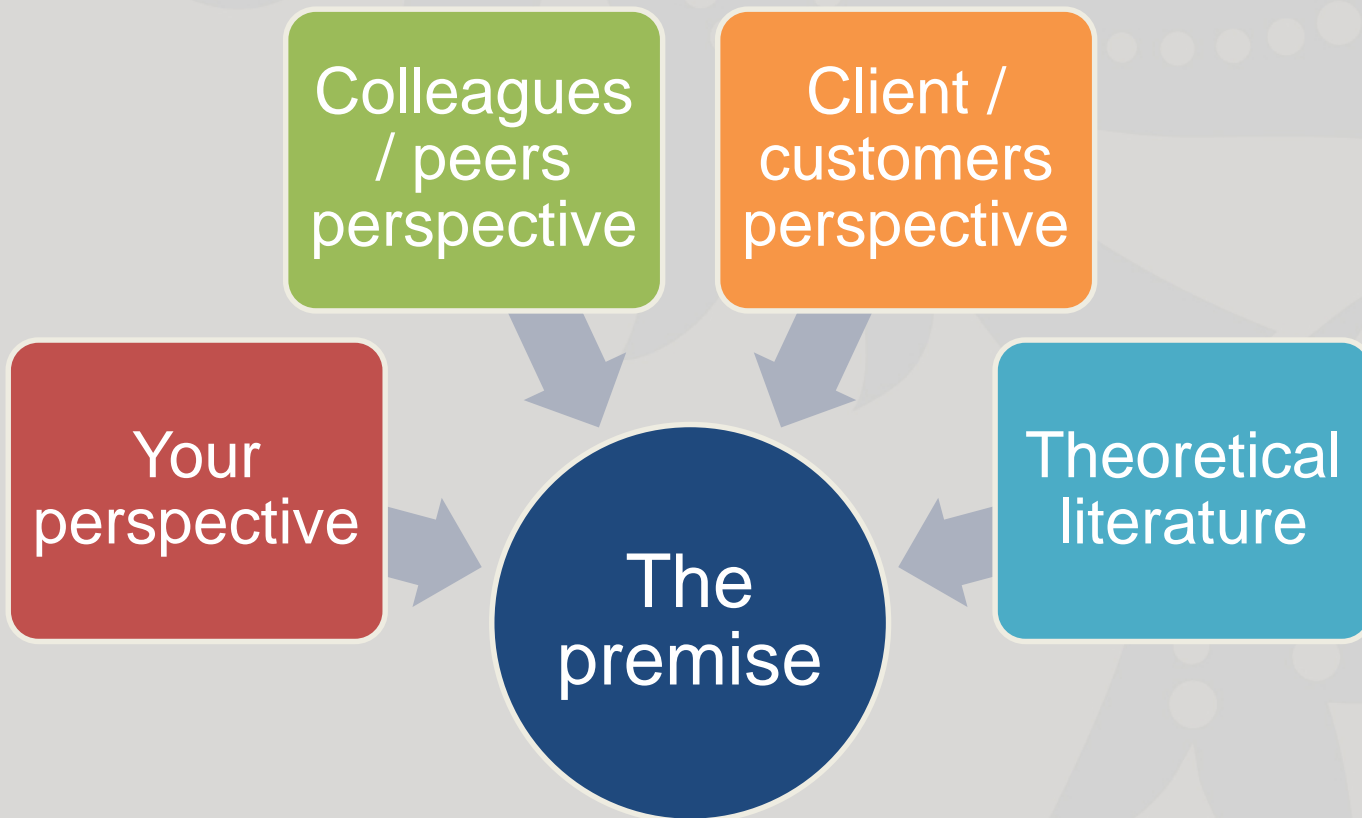
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Applying a critical thinking approach



Brookfield's Critical Lenses



The Critical Incident Technique – CIT

- The What ?
- So What ?
- Now What ?

