**Assignment**

### ‘*It is not possible to separate facts from values in translational health sciences*”.

### Write an essay of up to 4000 words, not including abstract, references, tables or diagrams, discussing this statement from the perspective of empiricist and constructivist approaches, considering the strengths and limitations of each when thinking about and researching facts and values. Use a worked example of a real world translational problem in health care to illustrate your points.

Your essay must include **one reference to the virtual seminar discussions that is relevant to the example you choose.**

The pass mark is 50% and, to achieve this, you will need to think carefully about **the critical analysis of your essay**. If you are aiming for a distinction (70%), you should also think carefully about the explanation of the **social science related concepts and terms.**

**Guidance:**

* Presentation should be in **the form of an essay,** set out in paragraphs, **using subheadings** and with a **high standard of spelling and grammar.**
* You should include an abstract of no more than **200 words (not included in the main word count)** summarising the main points of your essay
* You should include **10-15 references**. Referencing may take any standard format but must be consistent.
* Your essay must include **one reference to the virtual seminar discussions** that is relevant to the focus of your essay.
* Your **essay should be no more than 4000 words** not including abstract, references, tables and diagrams. Up to 2 marks will be deducted for essays between 4000 and 4500 words. Any essays over 4500 words will be truncated at 4500 words and the remainder will not be marked.

Essays that score highly may be included (with author’s consent) in a resource file for future cohorts.