Checklist
for finding sources for course and graduate papers

Determining the scope

- ☐ Decide upon the topic of your paper
- ☐ Consult your supervisor on recommended readings
- ☐ Choose core key words for search, create a tag cloud for your paper

Searching for resources

- ☐ Check the library's resources first, not the Internet
- ☐ Find information about printed editions in

  the E-catalog of the TSU Research Library
- ☐ Compile a list of electronic resources from our **guides**
- ☐ Check what your predecessors have already written in their

  graduate papers
- ☐ Compile a list of publications for the last 5 years to determine the

  most recent trends in your research field

Checking

- ☐ Check the sources that the author of the publication cites
- ☐ Do not use unauthorized content
- ☐ Do not refer to Wikipedia, check the resource that Wikipedia refers to
- ☐ Refer to the primary resource in printed or electronic form, not to the

  file from a search engine
- ☐ It is important to quote and cite the primary sources
- ☐ The quoted text must be enclosed in quotation marks
- ☐ **Citations** and **reference list** should be formatted properly