The Evidence Synthesis Methods Interest Group (ESMIG) held a meeting on Tuesday January 23, 2024 at 1:00 PM EST via Zoom.

Current Co Convener, Aimee Jenkins (University of Pittsburgh) welcomed the group, and introduced Zahra Premji, Health Research Librarian at the University of Victoria. Zahra volunteered to lead a discussion on the following article:

Cooper C, Lorenc T, Schauberger U. **What you see depends on where you sit: The effect of geographical location on web-searching for systematic reviews: A case study**. Res Synth Methods. 2021 Jul;12(4):557-570[. doi: 10.1002/jrsm.1485](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/jrsm.1485). Epub 2021 Mar 23. PMID: 33713573

The study delves into the influence of geographical location on web-searching in Google, revealing potential problems with reproducibility.

It was a very interesting and lively discussion. Please have a look at the [chat transcript](https://connect.ala.org/acrl/viewdocument/esmig-chat-transcript-from-012320?CommunityKey=21028b27-4fcf-4a34-87f5-ac1e3f71b601&tab=librarydocuments) available in the ESMIG Community Page library.

Our February Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 20, 2024 where we will have a discussion on qualitative evidence synthesis. We are looking for one or more volunteers to share their examples of qualitative review methodologies. Please contact Aimee Jenkins [aimees@pitt.edu](mailto:aimees@pitt.edu) if interested.