**Usability evaluation exercise**

Each group will design and conduct a usability test comparing two search interfaces or websites of similar nature.

a. Recruit at least two regular/potential users of the databases/websites you will be testing.

b. Create the following experiment instruments for your study:

1. An entry-questionnaire which elicits information about the participants’ background, search experiences etc.

2. A post-search questionnaire which asks about the participants’ search experience (e.g. satisfaction, difficulties) with the interfaces.

3. Create at least two tasks/scenarios for the participants to perform during the experiment. The tasks, obviously, need to be tailored to reflect the functionality of the interfaces.

c. Conduct a usability test in which each participant will be asked to perform the tasks.

4. Use all the data collection methods you deem necessary to capture the search sessions (e.g. think aloud, screen capture etc.)

d. Turn in a 4-6 pages written report on your findings and present them in the class. To report your findings, make reference to the report templates provided by usability.gov