**Comparison Template for Literature Reviews**

Adapted from “Example of a Worksheet,” by C. Hart, 1998, *Doing a Literature Review: Releasing the Social Science Research Imagination,* Figure 6.3, p. 150 (<http://0-search.ebscohost.com.aupac.lib.athabascau.ca/login.aspx?direct=true&db=cat01422a&AN=aucat.b1137946&site=eds-live>). Copyright 1998 by Chris Hart.

Instructions: This comparison template will help you to group sources into key concepts or topics that they have in common. This, in turn, can help you to organize your review by topic.

1. Put the author and date of a particular source at the top of each column.
2. Enter a key concept word or phrase. You will complete this table for each key concept or topic. Note that you may use the same source for multiple key concepts.
3. You can change the category names in the first column as suits your own research.
4. Fill out each column for the source listed at the top.

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| Evidence/data |  |  |  |  |
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