MAJOR CONCERNS OF EMBRYO RESEARCH

- MORAL STATUS of EMBRYO
  - sentence, personhood and potentiality of embryo
  - respect early life

ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVES

- SANCTITY OF LIFE
  - ensoulment

- RESEARCH is a KNOWLEDGE-SEEKING ENDEAVOUR
  - saving lives, maslaha (public good)

EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH (ESCR)

Sources: surplus & research embryos

CURRENT STUDY FOCUS:
Ethical perspectives of Buddhist, Hindu and Catholic representatives in Malaysia with regards to use of surplus and research embryos

Research questions

METHODOLOGY: INTERVIEW
PARTICIPANTS: RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Figure 2.1: Conceptual Framework