**Propositions**

1. Input subsidization increases input adoption, even in areas that are difficult to work in. (This thesis)
2. The high rates of Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Eastern DRC are not due to direct perpetration by members of armed groups, but due to the inferior position that women have in their households, and in Congolese society in general. (This thesis)
3. When choosing between the goals of increased transparency of research, and the rights of their respondents, researchers should favour the rights of their respondents.
4. The persistence of doping allegations in professional cycling should show researchers that people care not only about results, but also about how the results were obtained.
5. All development policy will be rendered ineffective without swift action against climate change.
6. Sometimes the sunk cost fallacy can have positive consequences, as the completion of this thesis shows.