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Stellingen behorende bij het proefschrift *The Child in ICC Proceedings* van Helen Siepman
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1. Critical supervision, for example by the Committee on the Rights of the Child, is indispensable to ensure the proper implementation and enforcement of the child's independent (procedural) international rights.
2. It should generally be presumed that a child is capable to participate in international proceedings.
3. The child's individual capacity rather than her/his age should determine whether she/he can participate in international proceedings.
4. The limitation of access for children to the ICC can only be justified on the basis of judicial economy if applied in the exact same way to adults.
5. The possibility of victim participation in ICC proceedings generally promotes the humanisation of international law – it should be questioned, however, whether victim participation in international criminal proceedings constitutes the right forum.
6. A separate international institution which is solely mandated to adjudicate reparation claims of victims of armed conflict and large scale violence could constitute an alternative to the possibility of victim participation in ICC proceedings.
7. Factual information in relation to the daily reality of Court proceedings and possible benefits of victim participation should be communicated to victims in simple language in order to ensure that victims' expectations correspond to the mandate of the ICC.
8. Victim participation in the course of the criminal and reparation proceedings before the ICC is in need of a comprehensive statutory regulation in order to close existing legal black holes.
9. Parenting is an art.
10. Parents, in particular helicopter parents, should be encouraged to have faith in the capabilities of their children.