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Propositions

*Belonging to the PhD thesis of Marieke Hobbes,
"Figuring Rural Development"*

1. There is not much more to life than Freely Disposable Time (FDT), quantitatively. (*this thesis*)
2. Large cultural differences do not preclude that farmers everywhere in the world use their land in the way that brings in most.
3. To solve problems in human-environment systems, a description of such systems, for instance by using Material Flow Accounting (MFA), is not directly useful. (*this thesis*)
4. Induction does not add much to science. (*this thesis*)
5. Development = FDT x will to develop x knowledge.
6. Plausible 'grand theories', true or not, are the motors of scientific development in the social sciences.
7. Own bank accounts for women, full or empty, are the motors of social development in developing countries.
8. Anywhere that biofuels crops compete with food crops, this is a blessing for the smallholders.