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# PROPOSITIONS

1. Nietzsche coherently advocates both measured and unmeasured species of struggle.
2. *Pace* Nietzsche's agonistic readers, he persistently valorises *violently* unmeasured conflict.
3. *Pace* Nietzsche's militaristic and radical aristocratic readers, he persistently valorises *agonally* measured struggle.
4. Nietzsche persistently valorises a *sui generis* species of struggle that consists of both measured and unmeasured conflict. I have called this *organisational* struggle.
5. The early Nietzsche grounds his theory of organisation in an essentialist metaphysical worldview.
6. The later Nietzsche develops a theory of organisation purged of his earlier metaphysical commitments.
7. Nietzsche persistently valorises repression; consequently, we can reject readings of his philosophy of the self exclusively in terms of sublimation.
8. If we are to adopt a working hypothesis regarding the fundamental structure of reality, Nietzsche holds that we should favour his conception of the world as will to power on account of a) its possibility and b) its superior instrumental value (i.e. over all other competing possibilities).
9. The way that we conceptualise conflict has profound ramifications for our practical existence.
10. All strictly descriptive philosophical research should be informed by an ethical philosophy insofar as we should continually interrogate the extent to which such research facilitates the flourishing of human life.
11. There is no surer proof of a philosopher's love of wisdom than the completion of their doctoral dissertation.