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Propositions

Belonging to the doctoral dissertation

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1. Like all political systems, policy outcomes in the EU are the result of strategic interaction between political actors, while the formal and informal institutions of the EU system are crucially important in shaping political outcomes (this dissertation).
2. Differences in preferences among EU interest groups led to a significantly longer legislative process compared to the variations in preferences among non-state groups, namely, NGOs and CSOs, which often represent scattered constituencies and lack coherence in their views (this dissertation).
3. The interplay between legislative decision-makers and external stakeholders in the EU legislative decision-making process delays the duration of decision-making (this dissertation).
4. Involving external stakeholders enhances democratic legitimacy but leads to efficiency losses by increasing transaction costs in legislative bargaining, thereby prolonging the legislative process (this dissertation).
5. Taking time to discuss the differences in the position of the various actors may enhance the quality of legislation, in which the advantage of more input and throughput legitimacy may outweigh the disadvantage of political efficiency related to a slower decision-making process (this dissertation).
6. A causal relationship exists in the interaction between the diverse preferences of stakeholders and member states, leading to an extension in the duration of legislative decision-making within the EU (this dissertation).
7. Expert interview is one of the most effective methods for eliciting information about the attitudes and behavior of the political actors who shape the legislative process in the European Union.
8. A process-tracing approach is best suited to unpack causal mechanisms as it allows researchers to uncover hidden factors to identify how contextual factors interact with causal mechanisms to produce a particular outcome.
9. Political actors' positions and the nature of the bargaining space can vary issue by issue, even within the same policy area.
10. Regarding the connection between politics and policymaking, public opinion and EU institutions shape the preferences and strategies of actors in the policy-making process.
11. It always seems impossible until it is done.