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PROPOSITIONS RELATING TO THE DISSERTATION
NAVIGATING CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY IN
GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS USING CODES OF CONDUCT

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1. Simply referring to labor standards in codes of conduct doesn't guarantee that a company will change its behavior in global supply chains – codes can be '*just a piece of paper*'. (Quote from chapter 6)
2. It is paradoxical to label codes of conduct as 'self-regulation' when companies in fact regulate the social behavior of their external business partners. (Section 5.2.)
3. Companies face a critical shortage of human rights expertise and awareness of supply chain risks. (Section 6.3.3.)
4. Collaboration between buyers and suppliers to improve labor standards is rare compared to the compliance-based "tick boxes" approaches. (Section 3.5.3, section 5.2.2.)
5. The gap between what companies say and do is often due to prioritizing economic interests over social commitments.
6. The CSDDD will not significantly transform supply chain governance.
7. The lack of affected communities' voice in shaping corporate social obligations hinders progress toward inclusive global governance and social justice.
8. Public-private approaches to governance must complement each other as all actors connected to structural injustice share a responsibility to collectively struggle against it.
9. A system is not sustainable if it is not fair.
10. There can be gain and no pain.

