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## PROPOSITIONS

### **Legal psychological studies into child sexual abuse investigations in Indonesia: The role of child investigative interviewing**

1. A science-based child forensic interview leads to the most accurate and detailed statements in children. (This thesis)
2. Irrelevant background information about an alleged victim of child sexual abuse can adversely affect judgments and decision-making processes in police investigators. (This thesis)
3. Police investigators tend to underestimate the negative effects of authority on children's statements and overestimate their ability to detect lying in children. (This thesis)
4. Suspect confessions and the medicolegal evidence are universal factors leading to the prosecution of child sexual abuse cases. (This thesis)
5. The use of a science-based interview, such as the NICHD interview protocol, should be the gold standard when interviewing alleged child victims of abuse.
6. "*The application of psychology to law raises the possibility of scientifically enlightened courts.*" (Saks & Hastie, 1978)
7. "*When psychological knowledge reaches a stage where it indicates specific directives for law or policy, social scientists have a moral duty to disseminate it to the professionals who can affect change.*" (Repucci, 1985)
8. "*I can imagine nothing that we could do that would be more relevant to human welfare, and nothing that could pose a greater challenge to the next generation of psychologists than to discover how best to give psychology away.*" (George Miller, 1969)
9. "*Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving.*" (Albert Einstein)
10. "*One word to describe Indonesia: Resilience.*" (anonymous)
11. "*Si Tou Timou Tumou Tou.*" Manusia hidup untuk menghidupkan manusia lain – People live to empower others. (Minahasa proverb - Sam Ratulangi).

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