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Stellingen

Knowledge Flows and Social Capital

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1. A technological discontinuity manifests as a *core-shift* in a system of knowledge types (Chapter 3).
2. Innovations are made successful by the cultivation of knowledge, a build-up of innovation capacity among actors in an innovation system (Chapters 6 and 9). Success is also produced, often independently of success in the knowledge sphere, by effective socio-political coordination among some central actors (Chapter 8).
3. 'The propaganda of the idea is a chimera. Ideas result from deeds, not the latter from the former, and the people will not be free when they are educated, but will be educated when they are free.' (19th century wisdom from Carlo Pisacane, via John Berger).
4. A PhD thesis is considered a doorstep into academia. Sometimes it feels more like a ruin, a testament to lost years. A short poem by Arun Kolatkar illustrates it nicely, 'That's no doorstep. It's a pillar on its side. // Yes. That's what it is.'
5. There is no such thing called a network, a system or even a society. These things exist only in the plural, as overlapping networks, systems and societies.
6. A child teaches you how to dance, round his fingers.
7. Mothers' recipes are the simplest and the best, such as this one from my mom, for Green Chilli and Ginger Pickle: Place a length-wise cut in each chilli, slice the ginger into small thin pieces, throw them together in a glass jar with some salt and a fresh lime's juice. Place the lid on the jar and shake.
8. I don't know whether chicken soup is good for the soul, but meatless pumpkin soup (made by Saeed) is a soul killer.
9. 'Every effort to understand destroys the object studied in favour of another object of a different nature; this second object requires from us a new effort which destroys it in favour of a third, and so on and so forth until we reach the one lasting presence, the point at which a distinction between meaning and absence of meaning disappears: the same point from which we began.' (Claude Lévi-Strauss).