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- 1) The consistency between the discrete choice experiment and contingent valuation increases with the importance respondents attach to the presented task. (Chapter 3 of this dissertation)
- 2) Stated willingness to pay is influenced by the perceived consequences for future policy and by past respondents' experiences with payments and use of care. (Chapter 6 of this dissertation)
- 3) Different mechanisms underlie the decision to be willing to pay and the level of willingness to pay. (Chapter 4 of this dissertation)
- 4) Current unregulated out-of-pocket payments for physician services represent a substantial financial burden to patients in Central and Eastern European countries. (Chapter 6 of this dissertation)
- 5) Under certain conditions patient payments are an acceptable policy tool in Central and Eastern European countries. (Chapters 2, 4-6 of this dissertation)
- 6) People in Central and Eastern European countries are willing to pay for quality and access, so patient payment policies should be tied to quality and access improvements. (Chapters 2,4 of this dissertation)
- 7) An inspired theoretician might do as well without such empirical work, but (...) the inspiration is most likely to come through the stimulus provided by the patterns, puzzles, and anomalies revealed by the systematic gathering of data, particularly when the prime need is to break our existing habits of thought. (Ronald H. Coase, 1988)
- 8) When we talk about a wheel that can rotate freely we don't mean a wheel that is unconnected to anything else, we mean a wheel that has an axle and has bearings that are well oiled; that (...) is the right metaphor for a free market: it needs institutions that let it work well. (Alvin E. Roth, 2012)
- 9) There has been much theoretical debate over the neo-classical principle of rational behavior, but in empirical applications irrational behavior simply results in the reduction of the precision of an estimate.
- 10) Economic thought has proliferated by the critics of mainstream thinking resulting in a diversity of theoretical approaches: apparently, there is monopolistic competition on the market of economic thinking.