Stellingen

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Networks, Organizations and Knowledge

1. Not everything that can be counted counts and not everything that counts can be counted. (A. Einstein).

2. Social networks in poor countries compensate for the lack of formal institutions, which are more established in rich countries. In the latter, the state takes care of you, whereas in the former mostly your relatives and neighbours.

3. There is hardly a single person to whom we are not connected to via a network in the world.

4. The first known network problem in history has been about the seven bridges of Konigsberg connecting the city to two islands: could one cross the seven bridges without passing them twice? Problem was formally solved by Euler in 1736.

5. Knowledge accumulation is most evident in the fact that, in 1960s it used to take 5 years to write a PhD thesis on the average with a typewriter. In 2000s it still takes 5 years to write a PhD with a Pentium III. Have we become more lazy, or is it because there are much more things to read? Technological development and knowledge accumulation go together.

6. Small worlds are everywhere. In the Istanbul Grand Bazar it might take one minute for all the shopowners to be informed about an approaching tourist fleet via the most effective short links: the small boys delivering tea.

7. Everything beeps now (on technology, an American comedian)

8. The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes (M. Proust)

9. Dutch cuisine is unfortunately not the most impressive cuisine in the world, but having an oliebol in your hand and walking in the rainy and windy streets with powder sugar all over your face is definitely a joyful experience.

10. Dutch cats have big bones.