Stellingen (Propositions)

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1. If one is not bothered with efficiency concerns, then the constant rule is the solution to many, if not all, problems (Chapter 3).

2. It is most peculiar, that when a society imitates its representative agent, this in fact, may change the representative agent. This is true for most of the mechanisms that choose representative agent(s) for a society (Chapter 3).

3. A political candidate who is ranked at the bottom of people’s preferences might care more about the bottom of those rankings than about the top (Chapter 4).

4. Roommate markets are simply marriage markets with no gender discrimination involved. For incumbent agents, thus, newcomers might be perceived both as good since they increase available options, and as bad since they may increase competition (Chapter 2).

5. There is rarely a collective responsibility on the choices that are made collectively, whereas each individual can be held responsible for their own choices. That makes social choice tough.

6. The definition of economics as the science of allocation of scarce resources has been misused to justify the distributional injustice we experience today.

7. Economics is the science of allocation design, or simply the study of how to cut a cake.

8. The monetary system we use for the last few millennia is one of the most primitive ways of resource allocation. When the society becomes a fully integrated and organic metabolism, there will be no room for such primitive mediums.

9. Science is the process of acquisition from the realm of unknown to that of the known. A scientist is only a messenger between these two realms.

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