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PROPOSITIONS

ESSAYS ON TECHNICAL CHANGE AND EFFICIENCY IN A TRANSITION ECONOMY THE CASE OF VIET NAM

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1. The history of the Vietnamese economy from 1986 up to the mid-2000s is a bottom-up process, in which many policies were carried out, some forced by the economic conditions, others dominated by ideological views (chapter 2).
2. Mass privatization (as opposed to a gradual approach) should be implemented in Vietnam as it contributes to a higher welfare improvement (chapter 3).
3. In an SME-dominated economy like Vietnam, boosting firms' competitiveness through fostering innovation causes export growth (chapter 4).
4. Spillovers through backward linkages are important for productivity improvement of domestic manufacturing firms supplying to foreign MNEs in Vietnam (chapter 5).
5. When doing modeling, one has to try all possible scenarios, but the expected results may appear on the very first try.
6. GAUSS has amazing capabilities for solving linear programming problems, but it doesn't work for macOS.
7. When you've been working on a thesis for more than ten years, only magic can help you finish it.
8. "Even today it is not hard to draw a Madonna that anyone could identify as a typical fifteenth century painting. However, this copy would be a different "imprinted" form than that of the original"

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