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## PROPOSITIONS

1. Hohfeldian terminology is insufficiently precise with regard to powers and competences.
2. "Sovereignty" has four different meanings, which need to be disentangled and carefully distinguished.
3. Linking Hart's rule of recognition to the notion of internal constitutive sovereignty shows that, and in what way, "all state power emanates from the people".
4. None of the meanings of sovereignty require democracy or legitimacy.
5. Constitutional review by an independent court is a desirable check against majority rule.
6. The existence of *ius cogens* implies an understanding of validity in international law that does not coincide with hard positivism.
7. The refugee crisis presents a social dilemma for European States.
8. Knowing different meanings of "sovereignty" allows politicians to avoid fallacies in discussions involving "sovereignty", or to point out fallacies in their opponents' arguments.
9. Once you have obtained a PhD, every appointment you go to becomes a doctor's appointment.