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## Propositions

1. When studying the response to food safety incidents, one should always consider the individual competences of the decision makers. (This PhD thesis)
2. To share or not to share that is the question (adapted from Shakespeare). Sharing of information is required in food supply chains, but publishing false or unconfirmed information is to be avoided. (This PhD thesis)
3. Supply chain positions are driven by different motivations when responding to food safety incidents. This is understandable, but may lead to unsatisfactory decision-making. (This PhD thesis)
4. Certification in food supply chains is like balancing on a tight rope between safety and possible risks. Although the industry knows about the risks, consumers fully rely on the safety. (This PhD thesis)
5. Trust and being trusted are keys for success when conducting interviews.
6. If universities would accept more external PhD candidates, more robust longitudinal research would be done.
7. A good qualitative researcher lives by the rule: *In die Beschränkung zeigt sich erst der Meister* (Johann Wolfgang von Goethe). Conducting qualitative research is doing many things at the same time.
8. Food safety incidents are as inevitable in the food industry, as the common cold in daily life. The food industry should consider more integration in research from diverse academic disciplines to enhance product safety. (This PhD thesis)
9. Getting to the 'point of no return' is a marker for every external PhD candidate. In the realm of ideas everything depends on enthusiasm ... in the real world all rests on perseverance (Johann Wolfgang von Goethe).
10. Doing academic research is like raising a family, you are never sure where it will lead.