

PROPOSITIONS

ATTACHED TO THE THESIS

ESSAYS ON INTRA-INDUSTRY SPILLOVERS FROM FDI IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

A Firm-Level Analysis with a Focus on Sub-Saharan Africa

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1. The required labour effort for data collection is one of the main differences between a meta-analysis and a primary empirical study. (This thesis)
2. To make FDI-related spillover research more relevant, a qualitative methodological approach should be promoted. (This thesis)
3. A systematic review followed by a meta-analysis (if applicable) is a simple yet efficient approach to better understand a particular set of literature and make an essential contribution to the research topic. (This thesis)
4. Publication bias and misspecification are two major dangers in empirical research. (This thesis)
5. Gauging spillover from FDI is a complicated process and a challenging issue, as no paper trail is left behind with which to track and measure impact. Each spillover channel needs separate and careful analysis before any meaningful and robust conclusions can be reached. (This thesis)
6. Hard work always pays off, as it never slows down success and results in moving ahead. It requires some level of discipline.
7. Family is the most important thing in life.
8. It is better to err on the side of caution.
9. Data archiving and sharing is useful for ourselves but is also important for our successors. We build on the work of others, as the past is the basis of future research.
10. Worrying is like paying a debt that we do not owe.
11. Silence has a voice.