Stellingen / Propositions

WAYS OF CASE-MAKING

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1. Understanding the *teloi* of legal and scientific practices - judgment and truth respectively - as their omnipresent, guiding logic leads commentators of the Law into conceptual conundrums and disallows them to do justice to truth-telling in legal settings and the performativities of knowledge-making practices.

2. These conundrums dissolve their hold on our thinking once we engage in a pragmatic respecification, that is, when we concentrate not on capitalized abstractions - the Law, Science - but on concrete practices of truth- and world-making.

3. Sociological efforts to describe the Law, this dissertation included, enact different legal realities, and such realities are not necessarily commensurable with the realities made in legal practices.

4. In these legal practices, cases tend to be understood not as bundles of 'case factors', but rather as morally textured narratives.

5. Moreover, in the legal practices studied, the legal case file is both a materially and temporally recalcitrant object.

6. The notion of the hyper-object is a pragmatic intervention that allows commentators of the Law to remain sensitive to its multiple, dispersed, multi-scalar, material, and temporal character.

7. Faced with controversy over, and challenges to, the status and value of sociological knowledges, sociologists do well to give an account of the performative work their accounts are doing, and - to paraphrase Isabelle Stengers - to give to concrete situations the power to make them think differently.

8. Ethno-/praxiography is a mode of journeying uniquely suited to 'give to the situation the power to make us think'.

9. Jamesian 'moral holidays' are a wonderful thing indeed, but are never an adequate ethico-political response to the abstractions that shape and steer our lives.

10. World-weary cynicism that disguises itself as insight is an ethico-political affliction we must resist.

11. 'What would be better for us to believe?' For a start (and a *start* only!): that there is never one and final answer to precisely that question.