Propositions

attached to the thesis

Politics of Disaster Risk Governance in Indonesia and Myanmar
A study into the dynamics of governance network of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

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1. Disaster responses have been rapidly transformed from post-disaster top-down interventions to a focus on Disaster Risk Reduction in interactive governance models (in this thesis).

2. In Indonesia, decentralized disaster risk governance has been actively promoted by the central government, but it has been much less embraced by regency governments, who have seen their responsibilities, increase without substantial resources (in this thesis).

3. The platform of ‘governance network’ has been acknowledged as effective and efficient vehicle for advocacy (in this thesis).

4. Despite the rhetoric on interactive governance in Disaster Risk Reduction, the state has retained a pivotal role in the DRR governance network in Indonesia and Myanmar (in this thesis).

5. The implementation of interactive governance in Indonesia, characterized by an organizational heavy set-up and poor integration has led to a reduction in the effectiveness of disaster risk reduction (in this thesis).

6. Understanding that all ideas, values and norms are social constructs evokes the traditional debate on hegemonic power (after Wendt, 1992).

7. While building reconciliation on the principle of justice may be debatable (after Philpott, 2010), the alternative of forgetting justice may be counter-productive for peace building.

8. If ‘exploitation’ is ‘the central piece’ of the architecture of violence, the strategic way for nurturing personal peace is to be aware of the subject of exploitation over structural and cultural violence (after Galtung, 1990).

9. The perspective of governance concerned with ‘international security’ often undermines the role of agency of grass-roots actors (after Malik, 2015).

10. Academic concepts that are also used in policy and practice such as DRR and peacebuilding need to be clarified and redefined consistently (after Helmer and Hilhorst, 2007 and Lederach & Appleby, 2010).

11. Acceleration in life is a moving target, and it is therefore risky to make your happiness depend on your success.