

PROPOSITIONS  
Attached to the thesis

Mining Industrialisation in the African Periphery: Disruption and Dependency in South Kivu,  
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1. In South Kivu, artisanal gold mining is embedded in a capital-labour social relation associated with increasing sectoral productivity via technological assimilation and capital formation. *This thesis.*
2. The return of TNC-led industrial gold mining to South Kivu has induced new processes of marginalisation and conflict via the displacement, shrinking and suppression of the more domestically-embedded and mechanising artisanal mining economy. *This thesis.*
3. TNC-led mining is just as vulnerable to firm mismanagement and the vagaries of volatile prices as the state-led model that preceded it. *This thesis.*
4. The industrial structure underpinning TNC-led industrial gold mining in South Kivu is deeply integrated with predominantly Northern centres of financial, technological and industrial diffusion, and disarticulated from the surrounding Congolese economy. *This thesis.*
5. The conceptual lens of peripherality (and its associated lineages of structuralist and dependency scholarship) continues to hold relevance for exploring and understanding industrialisation processes – mining or otherwise – in the global South. *This thesis.*
6. The mechanisation of artisanal mining in South Kivu accentuates social stratification and renders certain forms and groups of labour redundant.
7. Interventionist states achieve greater developmental outcomes from industrial mining than states which take a more laissez-faire approach.
8. In the absence of strategic industrial policy, economic development in the global periphery will continue to remain elusive.
9. One of the most conspicuous deficiencies of general economic theory, from the point of view of the periphery, is its false sense of universality.
10. Development is a process of reshaping social relations founded on accumulation.
11. If you fail again, but fail better, you have succeeded.