Stellingen:

1. The clubhouse plays a symbolic role in the shift from the inclusion towards the exclusion of outlaw motorcycle gangs from society.

2. Today’s administrative approach against outlaw motorcycle gangs not only forced the mayor to take over the role of the public prosecutor and the judge, it also placed the mayor in a highly vulnerable position.

3. The recent bans of outlaw motorcycle gangs in the Netherlands results in a shift from visible undermining to a harder to control form of invisible undermining.

4. The strategy of the Dutch government to portray outlaw motorcycle gangs as criminal organizations in the media adversely increased the attractiveness of OMG-membership.

5. Raising barriers to outlaw motorcycle gangs is believed to prevent crime in the same way that it reflects what the government considers as ‘bad’ and ‘wrong’.

6. The recent use by the Dutch government of the term ‘ondermijnende criminaliteit’ says more about how the government changed its understanding of crime than about the changing nature of crime.

7. It will not be possible to approach crime as ‘one government’ as long as governmental agencies are not allowed to exchange information.

8. In interviews it is often the simple questions that yield the most valuable insights.

9. Criminologists should not only uncover the shortcomings of crime policies, but should also unravel the explanations behind the effective crime-fighting strategies.

10. To gain better insight in illicit financial flows, the Public Prosecution Service must invest in a long term approach that moves beyond confiscating illicit money.

11. To make sure dissertations will actually be read, universities should set a maximum page limit of 200 pages.