

Propositions

Related to the dissertation (5):

- Effected through ethical discourse, norms are the means by which the background rules of social practices can evolve.
- International regimes are the institutionalized vehicles of norm entrepreneurship in a particular issue area and are inter-subjective in nature.
- A post-positivist constitutive theory of regimes that posits regimes as institutionalized areas of unsettled international practice is necessary to properly understand and explain the social dynamics of regimes, as located in their rules and norms.
- Through the Troika partnership in Urenco, Dutch non-proliferation policy in the 1970s and 1980s contributed to the Federal Republic of Germany becoming a responsible nuclear exporter.
- An important element of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action's (JCPOA)¹ implementation was made possible by the Troika's long-term normative commitments to the nuclear non-proliferation regime, reflected in its responsible stewardship of sensitive nuclear technology.

Not related to the dissertation and academically defensible (5):

- Scientific theory must always be understood in relation to its historical context.
- The history and philosophy of science should be taught to all high school students that prepare for university education.
- The increasing challenge of space-debris is a prime opportunity to rediscover our common interests and humanity through international cooperation.
- It is the responsibility of every government to create awareness about and provide its citizens with the means to protect themselves from digital surveillance in order for them to stay in possession of their personal information.
- Taxpayer money should only be spent on the purpose for which it was raised.

Not related to the dissertation and not academically defensible (1):

- To play is to reap the benefits of youth.

1 An agreement reached in 2015 and implemented from 2016 on the limits and conditions of monitoring of the Iranian nuclear program between Iran and the E3+3: France, Germany, the United Kingdom, China, Russia and the United States. The agreement allows the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to apply safeguards to gas centrifuge enrichment plants in Iran and that include the unprecedented application of intrusive measuring technologies such as the Online Enrichment Monitor (OLEM).