

## Propositions

- I.** The perception of salience of emerging technologies significantly influences when and how different audiences engage in associated discursive debates (chapter 2).
- II.** Expertise and field association are two important driving forces behind audience engagement (chapter 2).
- III.** During the preparadigmatic stage of technological change, audiences can simultaneously harbour multiple competing, and potentially opposing opinions (chapter 3).
- IV.** Incumbents sift through the often-conflicting cues presented in heterogeneous audience engagement and prioritize the opinions of some audiences over others (chapter 3).
- V.** Emerging technologies may initially not only be illegitimate, but also at odds with the existing legal framework (chapter 4).
- VI.** Society's emphasis on the mind and cognition, despite their subjective and thus biased nature, create more problems than they solve.
- VII.** Pro-innovation bias can lead to rash and potentially irreversible decisions with far-reaching societal consequences.
- VIII.** Technological change that is beneficial in developing countries is likely to have the opposite effect in developed economies.
- IX.** Rapid technological advancements in AI and other high-tech areas that are likely to drastically change the future of work, will further accentuate social inequality, and eventually lead to a split society of tech slaves and enslaved.
- X.** Creativity, support and the possibility to pursue your passions are positively related to project success.
- XI.** Everything eventually works out in one way or another.