

**PROPOSITIONS**  
attached to the thesis

**Repression without Resistance:  
Disaster Responses in Authoritarian Low-intensity Conflict Settings**

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1. In disaster response, power and violence can be exerted through ‘everyday’ politics, such as via bureaucratic restrictions and a monopoly on data collection and analysis processes. *This thesis.*
2. In authoritarian low-intensity conflict settings, it is not only the legitimacy of aid providers but also the legitimacy of aid receivers that is contested. *This thesis.*
3. In authoritarian low-intensity conflict settings, actors involved in humanitarian governance give great weight to the governance of perceptions. *This thesis.*
4. Disaster response actors can depoliticise their actions for strategic reasons, because they are coerced to do so, or out of managerial routine. *This thesis.*
5. Disaster policy including the Sendai Framework should refer to the possible co-occurrence of various conflict dynamics and to multiple roles of the state in disaster response. *This thesis.*
6. Especially because of the unequal power relations that characterises their relationship, researchers are accountable to vulnerable populations first, not repressive authorities.
7. Resilience thinking too often focuses on adapting people’s behavior to the system, while it is the system that should be adapted to people’s needs.
8. The falling rate of journal manuscript submissions by female academics during the COVID-19 pandemic<sup>1</sup> is another indication of remaining gender inequality.
9. Pretending to be ‘non-political’ often is a politics of reinforcement of the status quo (after Baughan and Fiori, 2015, and numerous political scientists and depoliticisation scholars).
10. Naming things wrongly adds to the misfortunes of the world (after Camus, 2008 [1994]).
11. Singing, research and politics all hinge on the same thing: truly listening.

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<sup>1</sup> Viglione, Giuliana. 2020. ‘Are Women Publishing Less during the Pandemic? Here’s What the Data Say’. *Nature* 581 (7809): 365–66.