

**PROPOSITIONS**  
attached to the thesis

**Obstacles to Financing facing Micro, Small, and  
Medium-Sized Firms in Suriname**

A study from a small-state perspective

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1. The nature of obstacles to financing facing Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) dictates the right policy interventions. [*This thesis*]
2. Economic, as well as non-economic obstacles, hinder access to credit by MSMEs. [*This thesis*]
3. Reducing information asymmetry aids access to credit by firms in the formal, but not in the informal, sector. [*This thesis*]
4. The market mechanism fails to resolve access-to-credit difficulties facing MSMEs. [*This thesis*]
5. Obstacles to financing hamper Schumpeter's "creative destruction." [*This thesis*]
6. Social capital substitutes for physical and financial capital to some extent.
7. The availability of foreign exchange dictates economic growth in small developing states.
8. High exchange-rate pass-through reduces the effectiveness of monetary policy in small developing states.
9. Monetary financing through central banks in small developing states translates faster than it does in large states into inflation, due to a high import-to-GDP ratio.
10. Liberalization of the financial account of the balance of payments before strengthening economic and financial fundamentals heightens the risk of a balance-of-payments crisis.
11. The COVID-19 pandemic underscores the importance of financial digitalization.