

Propositions

Accompanying the dissertation

Impacts of Smart City Development: Experience of South Korea

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1. In the current smart city literature, there is less attention to negative than positive impacts of smart city developments. (this PhD thesis)
2. Positive impacts are highlighted in high-income countries while the negative impacts are relatively more emphasized in middle- to low-income countries. (this PhD thesis)
3. Although environment and governance are major aspects of smart cities, there is less attention to them in practice and research. (this PhD thesis)
4. Smart city development requires collaboration among public, private, academic, and civil initiatives to yield positive impacts. (this PhD thesis)
5. South Korean smart cities showed better performance in economic, environmental, social, governance, and technological dimensions than non-smart cities. (this PhD thesis)
6. When sustainable development becomes a normative goal for almost everything (not limited to cities), it at the same time fades in meaning.
7. Participatory governance is desirable but people hardly participate because they are too busy with their lives.
8. The only way to achieve sustainable development is through life-long learning and education.
9. False information about COVID-19 on the internet does more harm to people than the pandemic itself.
10. People are concerned with privacy so much that they lose it when the governments want to use phone data to control the pandemic, but they have no problem using apps that knowingly and unknowingly collect personal data.
11. Hope smiles on effort¹.

These propositions are regarded as opposable and defensible, and have been approved as such by the promoters prof.dr. J. Edelenbos and dr. A. Gianoli.

¹ From 'The Professor' by Charlotte Brontë