System Innovation as Synchronization
innovation attempts in the Dutch traffic management field

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Propositions

1) System innovations in current polycentric societies are more guided by an innovation attempt’s variety of translations, than by this initiative itself. *This thesis.*

2) As system innovation emerges from a set of evolving and co-evolving translation processes, researchers can only generate sufficient understanding if they apply nested-case methodologies. *This thesis.*

3) Considering the complexity of system developments, research into the sustainability of these developments should focus on cases of ambiguous and contested ‘innovation attempts’, rather than on ‘niches’ considered promising. *This thesis.*

4) Coherence and fragmentation are of equal pertinence to system innovation research. *This thesis.*

5) The tense combination of objectivist and polycentric commitments in transition management does not indicate its ignorance of, but its learning from, planning history. *This thesis.*

6) Administrative ‘stalemates’ do not exist (unfavorable equilibriums do).

7) The critical-theoretical notion of ‘system failure’ has not been surpassed by societal complexity, but has only become more relevant by it.

8) Congestion abatement is a form of market disturbance.

9) Computer-aided analysis may help evaluate positions but weakens the chess player; it fails to instruct decision-making under uncertainty.

10) The study of transportation and mobility primarily affords the social researcher with knowledge of the immobile.

11) To say that 20% of voters can’t be wrong is to accept relativism - the other 80% can’t be wrong either.