Propositions attached to the thesis

Creating Sustainable Industrial Clusters;  
How policy becomes durable  
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1. While policy actors prefer to launch new policies, policy durability is more important for desired policy outcomes. (this thesis)

2. The policy to create sustainable industrial clusters requires, next to cooperation between departments, persistent commitments of one single ‘policy champion’. (this thesis)

3. Although adaptability to changing environments is a positive feature for a durable policy, stability as the other positive feature contribute more to the wide diffusion of sustainable industrial clusters. (this thesis)

4. A good strategy to create durable policy ideas is materializing them. (this thesis)

5. Integrated interdisciplinary research, just as a policy process, is a translation process. (this thesis)

6. Environmental protection is a long-term challenge, but to deal with it policy actors need to focus on the present.

7. When the concept of sustainable industrial clusters is spread widely, it runs the risk of hollowing out.

8. It is easier to comprehend the policies of foreign countries than those of one’s home country.

9. The chats in elevators show the significance of the sun to the Dutch and of food to the Chinese.

10. The moment that you think it is too late to do something is the right moment to do it.

11. Marriage is more than finding a right person, because one’s understanding of the “right” person evolves with the unfolding of the marriage.