

Propositions submitted with the thesis of P.W. Zuidhof, *Imagining Markets: The Discursive Politics of Neoliberalism*.

1. Neoliberalism is the politics of imagining markets. (this thesis)
2. Neoliberalism is not just a more intense form of liberalism, advocating more markets and less state, but rather deconstructs liberalism, upsetting the very meaning of the state, the market, and their mutual legitimization. (this thesis)
3. Neoliberalism in America is a highly politicized and anti-statist political project, whereas in the Netherlands it emerges as a depoliticizing and statist political project. Neoliberalism is nowhere the same. (this thesis)
4. For better or worse, neoliberalism is hollowing out the state and decentering the market. After neoliberalism, political life will never be the same. (this thesis)
5. The current crisis in the euro-zone demonstrates the perils of the modern separation between economics and politics and begs for the revival of the older tradition of political economy. (this thesis)
6. The Israeli occupation is illegal, unjust, and inhumane and should be ended immediately to give way to a just and democratic future in Israel and Palestine.
7. If all articles published in academic journals were subjected to the editorial standards of *The New Yorker* magazine, this would at once reduce the drive toward over-publication and greatly improve the joy of reading academic work.
8. In the way Dutch universities have adopted current regulation on labor market flexibilization, the benefits of flexible labor markets are entirely reaped by the universities, while its burden is entirely carried by a select group of employees. This is a nihilistic way of making academic labor markets more flexible.
9. The art of confusion, contradiction and going in circles is greatly underappreciated as a means of academic creativity and progress.
10. That there is no Dutch equivalent to the Jewish Mom, tells either something about the benevolent nature of Dutch mothers or their omnipresent reign over the family.
11. If everyone were born as twins, the world would be a much more loveable place.