

## **PROPOSITIONS**

attached to the thesis

### **Agrarian Struggles in the Era of Climate Change, Populism and Authoritarianism in Myanmar**

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1. In Myanmar, agrarian struggles are embedded in a longer history of capitalist development, ecological transformation, state building and ethno-territorial conflicts. *This thesis.*
2. Struggles over land and resources are also about struggles over the state, understood as an arena of contestation, historically dominated by ‘classes of capital’. *This thesis.*
3. Authoritarianism, populism and right-wing religious nationalism are dynamically and strategically mobilized by social forces within the state and society. *This thesis.*
4. Mainstream solutions to resolve land conflicts based on titling, privatization, transparency and multi-stakeholderism exacerbate conflicts and eschew more transformative politics. *This thesis.*
5. Political opportunities can be pushed by actors ‘from below’ to shift the balance of forces within the state, to scale up struggles against land grabs, extractivism and green grabs, but these are not without tensions and fault-lines. *This thesis.*
6. Contemporary ‘agrarian climate justice’ struggles must consider broader environmental and climate crises, and framed around principles of recognition, representation, resistance, regeneration and revolution.
7. Beyond national level, wealth and power is concentrated at global levels and must be confronted at these levels toward a new trans-environmental eco-common sense.
8. Transformative change, beyond purely class conflict, requires connecting labour and environmental sustainability, across diverse ‘classes of labour’, middle and rich peasants, indigenes, people, ethnic minorities, small-scale farmers, migrant workers, small-scale miners and semi-proletarianized workers in urban peripheries.
9. Alternatives include existing forms of solidarity, conviviality and non-commodified relations with land and nature, which can be spaces of prefigurative democratic politics.
10. Scholar-activism means accepting the inevitable contradictions inherent in engaged research.
11. Cooking and eating are the joys of life, and it is best advised not to engage in writing while hangry 😊.