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**PROPOSITIONS** accompanying the PhD Thesis *Insecure Tenure*  
by Carla Huisman

1. Housing should be secure, affordable and well-maintained (this thesis).
2. Policy makers do not set out to discipline and punish renters, but the combined effect of the myriad of policy measures is a strong message: *You should not be renting at all.* (Chapter 1)
3. Lack of enforcement feeds lack of knowledge and creates a situation whereby the violation of standards and rights is increasingly normalised both discursively and in practice. (Chapter 2)
4. The main issue is not how we should research precarious housing in the Netherlands, but that the issue urgently requires attention. (Chapter 3)
5. The recent introduction of time-limited tenancies as a normal form of tenure, will lead to permanent, rather than temporary, contracts becoming marginal in Dutch society. (Chapter 4)
6. Given the developments described in this thesis, it is possible that Dutch youngsters of the current generation will never obtain a permanent renting contract. (Chapter 5)
7. Citizen participation can be used as a means to legitimate disruptive practices of states. (Chapter 6)
8. All laws allowing temporary rent in the Netherlands should be immediately rescinded. (Chapter 7)
9. In terms of the precarisation of Dutch rental housing, the worst is probably yet to come. (Chapter 7)
10. All Foucauldians are Marxists (but not all Marxists are Foucauldians).
11. The distance between Amsterdam and Groningen is larger than the distance between Groningen and Amsterdam.
12. *Wie hetzelfde anders zegt, zegt iets anders.* (Paul Scholten)
13. You should always give away your conclusion in the introduction; the art is to convince your reader to continue to read to find out how you will get there. (Ineke Teijmant)