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Propositions

Accompanying the dissertation

Involvement in bottom-up energy transitions

The role of local and contextual embeddedness

- 1. In order to study involvement in community energy initiatives one needs an approach scrutinizing both (potential) members and non-members. (This thesis)
- 2. People become involved in a community energy initiative not only because they care about the environment but also because they care about the community. (This thesis)
- 3. Involvement in the community via identification with the community and via interpersonal contact with community members may lead to similar outcomes, albeit via different mechanisms. (Chapter 2)
- 4. Direct contacts between community members and initiators are conducive to involvement in community energy initiatives. (Chapter 3)
- 5. Membership in local associations is a stronger predictor for involvement in community energy initiatives than knowing initiators of community energy initiatives via these associations. (Chapter 3)
- 6. Trust in other community members' willingness to participate more strongly predicts involvement than general interpersonal and institutional trust. (Chapter 4)
- 7. Despite strong support, shared private-community ownership arrangements are challenging in practice due to low levels of trust between community actors and commercial actors. (Chapter 5)
- 8. Successful cases of shared ownership arrangements are most likely to occur between developers with a normative rationale for community engagement and pragmatic community actors. (Chapter 5)
- 9. Twijfel is het begin van wijsheid. (Aristoteles)