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Propositions for the thesis

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1. Latin America's impressive history of recurrent financial crises has enriched the understanding of financial crises. (chapter 2)
2. An improvement in a country's institutional quality correlates with deeper currency crises. (chapter 3)
3. A negative shock to economic activity increases the probability of sovereign debt service difficulties. (chapter 4)
4. Growth recovers fast after a sovereign debt default, but in terms of output losses the impact is huge. (chapter 5)
5. When a sovereign debt default is preceded by increased government expenditures from windfalls of commodity booms, the economic contraction that follows is deeper than otherwise. (chapter 6)
6. To understand the Global Financial Crisis and the European sovereign debt crisis we have to exploit all available data, and must go back in time.
7. When a political party in Mexico is fined for over-spending the legally maximum advertisement budget, the solution is to get a bank loan, pay the fine and continue the advertising.
8. The "This time is different" quote (Reinhart and Rogoff, 2009) is used both to acknowledge that things have not changed over time, and the opposite.
9. The social pressure to write funny propositions is cruel, because at the end of the dissertation phase there is not much humor left in a PhD candidate.