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1. Interdisciplinary research entails a trade-off between thoroughness and broadness in approaching societal issues.
2. Within the confines of the state the changes governance signifies are often undemocratic.
3. Absent a normative grounding, good governance fails to be action guiding towards the achievement of the 'good' it intends to prescribe.
4. The distinction between perfect and imperfect human rights duties explains the statism of international human rights law.
5. In debates concerning the negative aspects of transnational supply chains it often appears as if the relevant 'wrong' lies in the complicity of western corporations rather than in socially unsustainable practices on the ground, i.e. that clean hands matter more than improved livelihoods.
6. The value of multi-stakeholder initiatives lies in their contribution to facilitate the determination of responsibilities rather than in their supposed contributions to accountability or sanctioning.
7. Mark Zuckerberg poses a bigger threat to democracy than Donald Trump.