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Propositions

**IMPACT EVALUATIONS, BIAS,
AND BIAS REDUCTION**

Non-experimental methods, and their identification strategies

by

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1. *Healthcare financing privatisations curb total healthcare expenditures (Chapter 2).*
2. *A microfinance institution's expansion plans provide a basis for an identification strategy (Chapter 3).*
3. *It is possible to conduct a credible impact assessment using a non-experimental design in the absence of a baseline (Chapter 4).*
4. *Individuals are likely to provide the social desirable answer to a sensitive question, even if it is not the truth (Chapter 4 and 5).*
5. *Managers of co-operatives, policy makers and donors have to take into account the fact that perceptions regarding local support for their initiatives are not easily measured (Chapter 5).*
6. *It is possible to (convincingly) establish a causal relationship relying on a non-experimental design (This thesis).*
7. *Just because an estimation technique is easy to apply and understand, does not make it the best alternative.*
8. *A recipe for disaster is a politician who thinks (s)he understands economics.*
9. *The European Union should spend their time on more important matters, rather than controlling how much cinnamon bakers put in their cinnamon buns.*
10. *"At rejse er at leve." (H.C. Andersen) (English translation: To travel is to live).*
11. *Spring over hvor gærdet er lavest (English translation: Jump over where the fence is lowest).*