

PROPOSITIONS
attached to the thesis

Economic diplomacy as a tool for development: A critical analysis of the use of economic diplomacy in Dutch port development investments in Brazil

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1. Economic diplomacy still lacks theorizing of its definition and its practice in order to be properly understood by its practitioners. *This thesis.*
2. Economic diplomacy remains being used regardless of the political inclination of the government in place. *This thesis.*
3. The way economic diplomacy is implemented in some cases continues to perpetuate inequalities of the international production system. *This thesis.*
4. Despite being criticized as not providing generalizable results, single case studies can contribute to theorization of academic subjects. *This thesis.*
5. Discourse analysis is a useful tool to complement single case study research. *This thesis.*
6. Economic diplomacy is a neglected topic in the field of development studies.
7. More research in economic diplomacy in the sector of ports is needed to increase knowledge of the topic by port sector actors.
8. Despite the longlasting participation of Dutch companies in Brazil, their impact to Brazilian economy is yet to be studied in depth.
9. The return of the Lula government implies that Brazilian foreign policy will become more active.
10. There remains a long way for academia to value equally publications produced in the Global South and in the Global North.
11. Finishing a PhD is like giving birth, painful until the moment the baby is born.