

Propositions attached to this thesis

Environmental Responsibility of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and Stakeholder Influences:

The Case of Water Pollution in Thailand

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1. Environmental problems caused by small and medium enterprises require more than a single standard solution. (This thesis)
2. Local politics and a lack of capacities are likely to reduce local government's ability to influence the environmental behaviour of polluting firms, despite its legal authority. (This thesis)
3. Local community leaders are better able to play a role in local community's collective action when the social capital of a community is higher. (This thesis)
4. The influence of one single actor cannot be judged individually as there is not necessarily a link between that actor and entrepreneurs' environmental response. (This thesis)
5. A systematic consideration of all relevant actors and the underlying factors influencing their behaviours, alliances and opponents, and interactions gives a better understanding of and facilitates the finding of appropriate solutions to environmental issues. (This thesis)
6. Certification with 3rd party verification could be a potentially effective instrument to stimulate large firms to behave responsibly, while responsible practice in SMEs tends to rely on personal ethics and relationships with close stakeholders.
7. Decentralization tends to improve natural resource management in developed countries but much less so in developing countries.
8. Public participation is as significant as government action in ensuring the successful implementation of sustainable development.
9. Social cooperation between participants is negatively affected by the heterogeneity of their assets, information and pay-offs which lead to higher transaction costs and conflict over benefits and costs distribution.
10. The government is better able to monitor and control large firms' environmental performance than that of SMEs.
11. Our journey for peace begins today and every day. Each step is a prayer, each step is a meditation, and each step will build a bridge. (*Ven. Maha Ghosanand*)