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- 1. The introduction of the Decent Work Agenda is a significant attempt to introduce the normative in a debate dominated by economics; the way the agenda has progressed especially with regard to furthering the underlying ideas suggest that the attempt has stalled if not faltered
- 2. Normative economic policy making should be phrased in the prescriptive negative, making explicit (and explaining) what it aims to minimize and how this is to be achieved
- 3. If the Universal Declaration of Human Rights were to be drafted today it would not become universal
- 4. More often than not a lack of understanding of the history and methodology of economics leads to a situation wherein an economist is unaware of the normative content of his models and recommendations
- 5. Offering students an opportunity to obtain a real insight into the workings of the economy requires that the current curriculum of economics in Dutch universities be expanded with courses in philosophy and political science
- 6. A fundamental and single-minded belief in a market solution to moral issues implies that the following is not contradictory: "Due to the economic and financial crisis we can no longer afford your human rights. We apologize for the inconvenience."
- 7. Menig deelnemer aan het publieke debat gaat gebukt onder de dictatuur van zijn eigen mening
- 8. In putting a limitation on the number of words a PhD thesis may contain, the University of Amsterdam shows a thorough, complete, utter, villainous, vicious, unwarranted, unwanted, regrettable, disrespectful and basically uncool attitude towards adjectives.
- 9. Not believing in free will is a choice
- 10. In plaats van te zeggen wat ze denken zouden mensen wat vaker moeten vertellen wat ze bedoelen

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