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# Stellingen/Theses

1. A relation of mutual benefit existed between the Medici and the Florentine patricians.
2. The patrician identity manifested itself simultaneously in the social, political, economic, and cultural arenas, and this even continued during the reign of Medici grand dukes in the seventeenth century.
3. Membership in the Order of Malta was a statement by which Florentine patricians demonstrated they belonged to the European aristocracy.
4. The Medici court could not have functioned without the patricians, who were essential to its organization, continuity, stability, cultural input and exchange, creativity, social mobility, and ceremonial needs.
5. Cultural academies in the early modern period were indispensable for the development of informal contacts across Europe.
6. Despite the great increase in digitization and the possibility it affords to do research remotely, there is still tremendous value in being able to investigate authentic archive documents directly with your own hands and eyes.
7. Open access is not meant for others to walk away with your ideas, but to inspire them to develop them further in areas (just) beyond the reach of your own expertise. Everyone can use this to his or her advantage.
8. It was not a good idea to close the Dutch Institute in Paris, because Dutch institutes abroad are important for Dutch researchers to facilitate in-depth research of authentic sources and access to all sorts of important institutions, and for promoting the exchange of interdisciplinary knowledge with local students and professors as well as with other international colleagues.
9. Digitizing offers individual researchers an easy opportunity to exchange information with colleagues worldwide and in this way arrive at more complete and coherent conclusions, which would otherwise be difficult and time-consuming.
10. Museums have to engage more external scientific researchers, to stimulate research less oriented to objects and collections, and more aimed at demonstrating context for example by historical network-research.
11. Transdisciplinary research, in which scientists cooperate with representatives of the business community gets much attention from NWO and KNAW, but this causes that the merits of monodisciplinary research are no longer estimated at its true value.
12. The continuous, although sometimes distracting, presence of a self-willed cat is indispensable for the mental health of the PhD student during the completion of his or her thesis.