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Propositions belonging to the PhD thesis

**The Interaction between Parents and Children: Three Essays on
Family Economics**

By Ya Gao

1. Parent-child interactions are important throughout the life cycle, especially at the beginning and the end of the life cycle. The analysis of parent-child interactions is also important for understanding intergenerational inequalities (This thesis).
2. Public childcare plays an important role in the long-term development of children (Chapter 2).
3. The use of daycare services can have an adverse effect on children from affluent families (Chapter 2).
4. Parental housing wealth can serve as a signal in the marriage market in China, and parental housing wealth influences children's marriage outcomes more than non-housing wealth (Chapter 3).
5. In China, where males outnumber females, parental housing wealth is more important for males than for females, and higher parental housing wealth will improve males' marriage prospects (Chapter 3).
6. The loss of a child has a negative impact on parental wellbeing in later life (Chapter 4).
7. In societies where son preference is prevalent, the loss of a son has a greater impact on parents than the loss of a daughter (Chapter 4).
8. Family behavior is an important determinant of inequality (Gary Becker).
9. April showers bring May flowers.