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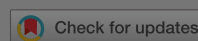
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# Raising Successful Children: Children as Accumulation Strategy and the Renegotiation of Parenting Arrangements in Singapore

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policies and ideologies? Based on ethnographic data, I will illustrate how parents with young children perceive and handle childrearing, parenting arrangements and the meaning of educational success.

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[2] The concept of 'PuruShachara' (male conduct) is a set of guidelines that enables men to perform their duties as husbands, fathers, and citizens. It is a code of conduct that is essential for the functioning of society. (PuruShachara is a Sanskrit term that refers to the conduct of a man. It is a set of guidelines that enables men to perform their duties as husbands, fathers, and citizens. It is a code of conduct that is essential for the functioning of society.)	...ic helpers ...ant to ...female ...ers)
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- [3] Most existing research on social mobility is quantitative (see, for example, Biblarz, Bengtson, & Bucur [1996](#); DiPrete [2002](#); Scherger & Savage [2010](#)), and there are comparably few ethnographic studies of the same phenomenon. Rapid modernisation and upward social mobility across Asia, as well as in other parts of the world, calls for the study of how these broad changes are manifested in people's everyday life.
- [4] After one week of intense debate, and in spite of protests from opposition politicians and the public, the Parliament passed an amended motion to endorse the White Paper.
- [5] 1SGD=0.732USD (as at 3 March 2015).
- [6] There are a limited number of governmental so-called MOE (Ministry of Education) kindergartens, where the monthly fee for Singapore citizen children is only SGD150 for a four-hour teaching session daily. These kindergartens, currently ten in total, cater in particular to low-income families living within one kilometre of these particular kindergartens (MOE Kindergarten [2015](#)). Most Singaporean families are not targets of this scheme.
- [7] Excluding employer CPF (pension) contribution.
- [8] The term 'curling parent' was coined by the Danish psychologist Bent Hougaard.



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