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Stellingen

Propositions to accompany the dissertation

**Modern Love**

**Comparative Insights in Online Dating Preferences and Assortative Mating**

by Gina Potârca

1. Mate selection preferences in online dating are shaped by individual characteristics such as racial status and life-course aspects, as well as broader macro-level factors related to population composition, normative and institutional climate. (*Chapter 1*)
2. Internet dating perpetuates country-specific racial and ethnic inequalities. (*Chapter 2*)
3. There is a clear hierarchy of racial preferences in online dating across Europe, with Europeans and one's own group ranking first, Hispanics and Asians in an intermediate position, followed by Africans and Arabs. (*Chapter 2*)
4. Gay and lesbian daters with previous partnership and parenthood experiences generally have a lower interest in long-term dating and weaker monogamy beliefs. (*Chapter 3*)
5. A socially and legally supportive environment towards same-sex unions leads to higher long-term dating intentions and stronger monogamy beliefs for both gay men and lesbians. (*Chapter 3*)
6. Compared to those who were never married, divorced daters trade down and place less value on match's educational level. (*Chapter 4*)
7. In countries that encourage mothers' labor market performance and the reconciliation of work and family life, divorced mothers are less concerned with a partner's socio-economic profile. (*Chapter 4*)
8. Even though finding a partner through Internet dating continues to be guided by homophilous preferences, online dating sites alleviate social boundaries to a higher extent than other partnership markets and thus contribute to the overall decreasing trends in couple endogamy in the United States. (*Chapter 5*)

9. [Internet dating is] “love in the time of no time”. (*Jennifer Egan*)
10. “True love will find you in the end. [But] this is a promise with a catch. Only if you're looking will it find you.” (*Daniel Johnston*)
11. “At some point, you will say to yourself (...), “My partner is truly wonderful. If I keep looking, I could probably do better. But I have to earn a living, make dinner, practice the piano, and do a bunch of other stuff. So I’m going to settle for this person and move on with my life”. (*Paul Oyer*)
12. “Within the broad limits of the physiology of the sense organs, our very perception of the physical world, the colors we discriminate, the smells we become aware of, the noises we hear, are socially patterned and socially circumscribed.” (*C. Wright Mills*)