

Abstract

The topic of marriage markets is solved mainly by economics scientists so far (Tertilt 2002, 2005, Botticini and Siow 2003). Much less attention about this issue is paid by biologists. It is still unclear how variant types of marriage transactions influence the shape of societies. However, the importance is not negligible. Understanding of these questions may help us at least partly answer to some of the problems current societies face to.

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