

African Systems Of Kinship And Marriage

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Introduction to Gender Studies in Eastern and Southern Africa -

James Etim 2016-07-28

Africa has witnessed massive changes in the last fifty years - from independence through structural adjustment, rule by military juntas in several countries and to a period now where the focus is on how best to prioritize their needs based on resources, national goals and human potential. There is general agreement that human capital is important in economic growth and development. There is always the need to ensure that resources and human capital are used appropriately to advance development. Gender disparities, whether in treatment, access to resources, resource utilization and the law, may in themselves retard or slow down development. Resources and human potential in all societies include how best to ensure there is no gender disparity and to fully tap the resources inherent in women for personal, social and national development. Beginning with the women's suffrage movement, there has been the push to encourage gender equality worldwide. The Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995 embodies the commitment of the international community to implement policies that will enhance the political, social, economic, educational empowerment of women. This book highlights the issues affecting women in Eastern and Southern Africa - what role does custom and patriarchy play in gender disparities in education, access to health, problems in the workplace and family relationships? How have women writers in the last twenty years presented the issues of patriarchy, women's rights, globalism and women's holistic development? What are recent developments that have helped improve the situation for some women? These are some of the issues that are covered in this book. The thesis of this book is that there have been policies and strategies developed that have worked to empower women. However, vestiges of sexism, gender disparities in several fields still remain and traditions/customs and patriarchy have aided in still keeping women down.

Conceiving Persons - Peter Loizos 2021-03-25

The Monographs on Social Anthropology were established in 1940 and aim to publish results of modern anthropological research of primary interest to specialists. This volume provides an international analysis of the core metaphors and practices of human sexual and social reproduction in their personal, social and cosmological contexts.

Black Families - Harriette Pipes McAdoo 2007

Publisher Description

Social Dynamics of Adolescent Fertility in Sub-Saharan Africa -

National Research Council 1993-02-01

This examination of changes in adolescent fertility emphasizes the changing social context within which adolescent childbearing takes place.

Transformations of African Marriage - David Parkin 2018-09-03

Originally published in 1987, this book shows that there is still considerable continuity in the practices and ideas of marriage in Africa against a background of social and economic change. This book discusses the diverse marriage forms in Africa and explores the different systems some of which can be understood in terms of Levi-Strauss's distinction between complex and semi-complex structures, while others throw up questions of filiation, child custodianship and rights secured through bridewealth transactions.

Black Women, Black Love Dianne M Stewart 2020-10-06

In this analysis of social history, examine the complex lineage of America's oppression of Black companionship. According to the 2010 US census, more than seventy percent of Black women in America are unmarried. Black Women, Black Love reveals how four centuries of laws, policies, and customs have created that crisis. Dianne Stewart begins in the colonial era, when slave owners denied Blacks the right to marry, divided families, and, in many cases, raped enslaved women and girls. Later, during Reconstruction and the ensuing decades, violence split up couples again as millions embarked on the Great Migration north, where

the welfare system mandated that women remain single in order to receive government support. And no institution has forbidden Black love as effectively as the prison-industrial complex, which removes Black men en masse from the pool of marriageable partners. Prodigiously researched and deeply felt, Black Women, Black Love reveals how white supremacy has systematically broken the heart of Black America, and it proposes strategies for dismantling the structural forces that have plagued Black love and marriage for centuries.

Factors Affecting Contraceptive Use in Sub-Saharan Africa - National Research Council 1993-02-01

This book discusses current trends in contraceptive use, socioeconomic and program variables that affect the demand for and supply of children, and the relationship of increased contraceptive use to recent fertility declines.

The Changing Position of Women in Family and Society - Lupri 2022-03-28

Kinship and Marriage Among the Nuer Edward Evan Evans-Pritchard 1965

An Aging World - John Eekelaar 1989

The rapidly increasing proportion of elderly in the world's population is creating a demographic structure unprecedented in world history. This volume provides the first critical examination on an international basis of the problems facing legal and social systems as a result of these demographic changes. Experts analyze population trends and their relationship to world population policies and structures, consider how family support systems cope with these changes, and address a wide range of legal and social problems connected with policies toward the elderly.

African Systems of Kinship and Marriage - A. R. Radcliffe-Brown 2016-12-08

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Marriage and the Family among the Yako in South-Eastern Nigeria - Darryl Forde 2021-01-08

Originally published in 1951 this book analyses the social values and institutions involved in the establishment and maintenance of marital relationships. Most of the data is derived from Umor, the largest of the five Yakö villages. As well as considering the conventions through which marital values are expressed, the relation of marital status to the general structure of Yakö society is also discussed. The book also determines the extent to which the values posited by the Yakö themselves are actually operative and discusses the changing conditions which have modified traditional standards of marital behaviour.

A Companion to the Anthropology of Africa - Roy Richard Grinker 2019-02-06

An essential collection of scholarly essays on the anthropology of Africa, offering a thorough introduction to the most important topics in this evolving and diverse field of study. The study of the cultures of Africa has been central to the methodological and theoretical development of anthropology as a discipline since the late 19th-century. As the anthropology of Africa has emerged as a distinct field of study, anthropologists working in this tradition have strived to build a

disciplinary conversation that recognizes the diversity and complexity of modern and ancient African cultures while acknowledging the effects of historical anthropology on the present and future of the field of study. *A Companion to the Anthropology of Africa* is a collection of insightful essays covering the key questions and subjects in the contemporary anthropology of Africa with a key focus on addressing the topics that define the contemporary discipline. Written and edited by a team of leading cultural anthropologists, it is an ideal introduction to the most important topics in the field, both those that have consistently been a part of the critical dialogue and those that have emerged as the central questions of the discipline's future. Beginning with essays on the enduring topics in the study of African cultures, *A Companion to the Anthropology of Africa* provides a foundation in the contemporary critical approach to subjects of longstanding interest. With these subjects as a groundwork, later essays address decolonization, the postcolonial experience, and questions of modern identity and definition, providing representation of the diverse thinking and scholarship in the modern anthropology of Africa.

African Intellectual Heritage - Abu Shardow Abarry 1996

Organized by major themes—such as creation stories, and resistance to oppression—this collection gather works of imagination, politics and history, religion, and culture from many societies and across recorded time. Asante and Abarry marshal together ancient, anonymous writers whose texts were originally written on stone and papyri and the well-known public figures of more recent times whose spoken and written words have shaped the intellectual history of the diaspora. Within this remarkably wide-ranging volume are such sources as prayers and praise songs from ancient Kemet and Ethiopia along with African American spirituals; political commentary from C.L.R. James, Malcolm X, Mary McLeod Bethune, and Joseph Nyerere; stirring calls for social justice from David Walker, Abdias Nascimento, Franz Fanon, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Featuring newly translated texts and documents published for the first time, the volume also includes an African chronology, a glossary, and an extensive bibliography. With this landmark book, Asante and Abarry offer a major contribution to the ongoing debates on defining the African canon. Author note: Molefi Kete Asante is Professor and Chair of African American Studies at Temple University and author of several books, including *The Afrocentric Idea* (Temple) and *The Historical and Cultural Atlas of African Americans*. Abu S. Abarry is Assistant Chair of African American Studies at Temple University.

Survey of African Marriage and Family Life - Arthur Phillips 2018-09-03

Originally published in 1953, this study examines the effect of social change on African domestic organization and marriage. Changes to African social organization due to increased contact with the West are analyzed and accounts given as to how these changes were handled by various administrations and missionaries. The volume is contributed to by lawyers, missionaries, anthropologists and sociologists from Africa, Europe and the USA.

International bibliography of research in marriage and the family - Joan Aldous 1974-11-01

Dravidian Kinship - Thomas R. Trautmann 1982-01-29

The Decline of Marriage in Namibia - Julia Pauli 2019-02-28

In Southern Africa, marriage used to be widespread and common. However, over the past decades marriage rates have declined significantly. Julia Pauli explores the meaning of marriage when only few marry. Although marriage rates have dropped sharply, the value of weddings and marriages has not. To marry has become an indicator of upper-class status that less affluent people aspire to. Using the appropriation of marriage by a rural Namibian elite as a case study, the book tells the entwined stories of class formation and marriage decline in post-apartheid Namibia.

Alur Society - Aidan William Southall 2004

Alur Society became a classic for a number of reasons. Being much more than a descriptive account of an African society, it was the first intensive ethnography to adopt the ideas of Max Weber. It pioneered the idea that religion and ritual could be the basis of political action. It also showed how state systems could evolve not just on the basis of conquest but as a result of societies without kings inviting those with kings to govern them. Southall's theory of the segmentary state was adopted by many political anthropologists and political scientists, being applied not just to Africa but also to India and other parts of the world. The book was able to arrive at long-lasting and imaginative conclusions through the use of ethnographic material of a quality rarely surpassed. It is moreover

arguably the best book in social anthropology of a Nilotic-speaking people. Southall's own command of their language and his overall scholarly knowledge of Nilotes is unsurpassed. Aidan W. Southall is professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in the United States. David Parkin is head of the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Oxford, and fellow of All Souls.

Reader's Guide to the Social Sciences - Jonathan Michie 2014-02-03

This 2-volume work includes approximately 1,200 entries in A-Z order, critically reviewing the literature on specific topics from abortion to world systems theory. In addition, nine major entries cover each of the major disciplines (political economy; management and business; human geography; politics; sociology; law; psychology; organizational behavior) and the history and development of the social sciences in a broader sense.

The African Experience - Vincent Khapoya 2015-07-14

This book examines the role that Africa has played on the world stage, the African Union, the African leaders' efforts to take care of their own problems and lessen their dependence on the United States and European countries.

African Systems of Kinship and Marriage - Alfred Reginald Radcliffe-Brown 1987

African Systems of Kinship and Marriage is a classic. Seldom out of print since its first publication in 1950, it is still, thirty-six years later, the most wide-ranging and respected survey of these aspects of African social life. In his introduction Radcliffe-Brown provides a masterly analysis of the main features of African kinship systems and the theoretical problems arising from the study of them. The contributions range from examination of kinship systems among the Swazi, the Tswana, the Zulu, the Nuer, the Ashanti to double descent among the Yako and dual descent in the Nuba groups of the Sudan. The names of the contributors are those of anthropologists still viewed today as giants in their field: Evans-Pritchard, Meyer Fortes, Max Gluckman, Hilda Kuper, Nadel, A.I. Richards, Schapera and Monica Wilson.

Wives for Cattle - Adam Kuper 1982

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The Tswana - Isaac Schapera 2015-06-03

First published in 1953 and this edition in 1991, this book was created in association with the International African Institute. Since its first publication, anthropology and African Studies have changed a great deal, but the bedrock of both remains unchanged: solid, sensitive ethnographic and historical accounts of the peoples and cultures of the continent. Part One is by Isaac Schapera whose documentation of life and times in the Bechuanaland Protectorate stands as a starkly detailed chronicle of an African population in a rapidly changing world. Schapera was one of the few anthropologists who spoke frankly of the rural predicament of rural Africans under colonialism. Far from describing the Tswana as a closed or timeless 'society', he locates the people in their political and economic context, and in so doing, has left behind an extraordinary record. This edition of *The Tswana* consists of the original text to which has been added a second part by John L. Comaroff, which covers the transformation of Tswana life in Botswana and South Africa 1953-85, plus a much enlarged bibliography. Together, the parts of the book make a valuable summary of an exceedingly rich and ethnographic and historical record that will continue to serve as an indispensable tool in research and teaching.

African Systems of Kinship and Marriage - Alfred Reginald Radcliffe-Brown 1960

Schism and Continuity in an African Society - Victor Witter Turner 1972

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African Marriage and Social Change - Lucy P. Mair 2013-11-26
First Published in 1969. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

Social Change in Modern Africa - Aidan Southall 2018-09-03
Originally published in 1961, this book analyses economic changes in Africa and the restructuring of social relations to which this has led. There are also detailed studies of the character of social changes in individual communities. There is a particular focus on changing kinship status and neighbourhood as the impact of modern economic conditions is felt in Tropical Africa.

Law, Religion and the Family in Africa - Dr M Christian Green
2021-12-31

The family is a crucial site for the interaction of law and religion the world over, including Africa. In many African societies, the family is governed by a range of sources of law, including civil, constitutional, customary and religious law. International law and human rights principles have been domesticated into African legal systems, particularly to protect the rights of women and children. Religious rites and rituals govern sexuality, marriage, divorce, child-rearing, inheritance, intergenerational relations and more in Christianity, Islam and indigenous African custom. This book examines the African family with attention to tradition and change, comparative law, the relation of parents and children to the state, indigenous religion and customary law, child marriage and child labour and migration, diaspora and displacement.

American Kinship - David M. Schneider 2014-06-01
American Kinship is the first attempt to deal systematically with kinship as a system of symbols and meanings, and not simply as a network of functionally interrelated familial roles. Schneider argues that the study of a highly differentiated society such as our own may be more revealing of the nature of kinship than the study of anthropologically more familiar, but less differentiated societies. He goes to the heart of the ideology of relations among relatives in America by locating the underlying features of the definition of kinship—nature vs. law, substance vs. code. One of the most significant features of American Kinship, then, is the explicit development of a theory of culture on which the analysis is based, a theory that has since proved valuable in the analysis of other cultures. For this Phoenix edition, Schneider has written a substantial new chapter, responding to his critics and recounting the changes in his thought since the book was first published in 1968.

Rituals of Kinship Among the Nyakyusa - Monica Wilson 2018-09-03
Originally published in 1957, analyses the rituals celebrated by groups of kinsmen on the occasion of births, marriages and deaths within the age villages of the Nyakyusa. The connection between the form of the rituals and the kinship structure is examined. The symbolism of the rituals

throws great light on the psychological reactions of this African people to death and birth, sin and misfortune, expiation and reconciliation.
The Swazi - Hilda Kuper 1952

Widows in African Societies - Betty Potash 1986-02-01
Although widows constitute a quarter of the adult female population in many African societies, they have not been the focus of detailed, cross-cultural research. This is the first comparative anthropological study of widowhood in Africa, comprising ten case studies that cover a broad spectrum of societies in different parts of the continent. This volume shows clearly that widows are not passive objects of male transactions; they have interests and options, and make choices affecting their own lives. Ties to children, access to productive sources, and rights to housing are shown to have particular importance for widows' residential and marital decisions. This book provides a needed corrective both to the male perspective on kinship and to women's studies that deal almost exclusively with the adult married woman. In contrast to the traditional anthropological emphasis on widow remarriage and the functions such marriages have for the maintenance of marriage alliances, these papers deal with the women themselves and the quality of their lives. The introduction surveys the literature, examines the factors affecting the widows' strategies, and shows how accepted anthropological concepts of marriage, affinity, and community look different when considered from the perspective of widows. There is a foreword by Mariam K. Slater.

Mate Selection Across Cultures - Raeann R Hamon 2003-08-14
Mate Selection Across Cultures explores one of the most basic human endeavors—couple formation—with particular attention to those relationships that lead to marriage. Editors Raeann R. Hamon and Bron B. Ingoldsby examine the enterprise of mate selection and look at the similarities and differences of human bonds around the globe.

African Traditional Religion in South Africa - David Chidester
1997-01-01
A comprehensive guide to the indigenous religious heritage of South Africa that reviews the literature and provides introductory essays and detailed annotations that define the field of study.

Comparative Studies in Kinship - Jack Goody 2013-11-05
Against the background of the problems involved in the comparative study of human society, the essays in this book show the comparative ideal in practice, which combines elements from both sociology and anthropology. In each essay, specific problems are treated in a way which tests theory against evidence, to replace assertion by demonstration. Topics covered include: · Incest and Adultery · Double descent systems · Inheritance, social change and the boundary problem · Marriage policy · The circulation of women and children in northern Ghana · Indo-European kinship. First published in 1969.

African Systems of Kinship and Marriage (Classic Reprint)
Radcliffe-Brown 2017-09-16
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