

INTERMARRIAGES AND GENERATIONAL RELATIONS: A SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY IN KATHMANDU VALLEY

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ABSTRACT

Marriage is a universal social institution. It establishes not only conjugal relations between husband and wife, but also establishes relations between families. Nepal is a land of multi-cultural, religious and linguistic groups. So, different patterns of marriages are followed. Now a day, social change in marriage is faster than before. These social changes have dramatic impact on the family, the individual choices of mate, criteria of mate selection and divorce. In a way, these changes have promoted intermarriages, which have affected the traditional structure of the family. Most of the studies reviewed mostly, deals with intermarriages from community and societal perspective. This study examines the inter and intra generations relations of the women, in intermarriages on the basis of the following dimensions: frequency of contact, support relation, affectionate relation and conflict relation.

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