

A Comparative Study of Marriage Process in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand: Focusing on Mate Selection Process

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Socio-demographic transition has significantly influenced the trends of delayed marriage and low fertility especially in Asian region over the several decades. Since attitudes and behavior toward marriage are shifting, it is important to understand how marriage process has been in Asian societies.

This study aims to explore a diverse marriage process focusing on mate selection by comparing Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand. Data from the East Asian Family Survey in 2006 and the Thai Family Survey in 2010 are used for this research. Findings based on descriptive and regression analysis will be presented in this research.

This paper includes not only the characteristics of a mate selection comparing four different countries in general, but also some specific factors which affect a mate selection - for instance sex, age at marriage and the level of educational attainment - within each society.

This study is sure to reveal similarities and differences in regards to a mate selection in marriage process and the impact of socio-demographic factors in these societies.