

Sex, Marriage and Kinship
Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
Lecture 8

I. Marriage

Why get married?

What is marriage all about? Who can marry?

Definitions of Marriage (Haviland, RAI, and Leach)

Plural Marriages, Fraternal polyandry, affinal family, consanguine family

Endogamy / Exogamy

Incest taboos:

Inbreeding avoidance

Familiarity Breeds avoidance

Preventing Disruption

Forming Wider Alliances

II. Forms of Marriage

A. Monogamy / Polygamy (Polygyny, Polyandry)

B. Group marriage

C. Sororate / Levirate