

Dissertation drafts and notes

Introduction

The traditional paradigm

Until a relatively recent diversification of approaches, sexual selection theory has long been used to assert differences in mating strategies between human females and males arise from a fundamental dichotomy between “coy females” and “promiscuous males” - sometimes characterised as the “Darwin-Bateman paradigm” ([Borgerhoff Mulder 2021](#)).

Explanations for marriage patterns in humans

Polygyny threshold model

Harem defense polygyny

Market forces / sex-ratio dependent polygyny

Rival wealth-induced monogamy

Cultural group selection

References

Borgerhoff Mulder, M., 2021. Bateman's Principles & the Study of Evolutionary Demography. In: O. Burger, R. Lee and R. Sear, eds. *Human Evolutionary Demography*.