

# The Mating Models of Cross - Border Marriages in Taiwan

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## ABSTRACT

ABSTRACT The primary abstract of this research is to study the mating models of cross-border marriages between Taiwanese and foreigner or the mainland Chinese, In order to understand the situation of Taiwanese' cross-border marriages. First, make a descriptive analysis among Taiwanese and their spouse whose nationalities are foreign country or Mainland China, the statistical data includes nationality, age , sex, and education level. Next, distinct from different nationality : the Taiwanese foreign spouses (Southeast Asia area country, other local countries), or the mainland China spouses (contains Hongkong, Macao) are the analysis object, we mainly analyze the distributed condition of the their spouses' education level, age etc, and also analyze the tendency of the mating models of cross-border marriages between Taiwanese and foreigner or the mainland Chinese is toward to the education equality, Or the upward marriage, or the downward marriage. There are some discoveries in the sample size of this research: 1. The proportion of the marriage of Taiwanese and the mainland Chinese is over 53.1% which is more than other mating models, compare the education level of Taiwanese and their foreign spouse, we can see the education level of Taiwanese is the junior high school and most of their foreign spouses' education level is senior high school or vocational school. 2. The age gap between male Taiwanese and their cross-border spouse is over 10 years old. The female Taiwanese have the tendency to marry at a late marriage(35-44 year old) 3. Generally speaking, the male Taiwanese tend to choose their spouses whose social position is lower than themselves, this fact fits the traditional concept, which belongs to the education heterogeneity. Mostly female Taiwanese choose their spouses whose education level is as same or up than themselves, which belongs to the education homogeneity. 4. When the gap of the education level is bigger, the possibility of the marriage is lower. Key words: Marriage mate, International immigration, Multinational marriage, marriage extrusion.

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