

The Role of Marriage in Social Relations in Bakhtiari Tribe

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ABSTRACT The purpose of this study is to investigate the role of marriage in social relations in Bakhtiari tribe of Iran. Marriage and types of marriage ceremonies in Bakhtiari tribe, apart from being a religious tradition for preserving the generation, are considered as a means of creating, broadening and maintaining social relations among families and individuals in the Bakhtiari tribe. For the purpose of this research about Bakhtiari tribe, Khuzestan province was chosen as the sample. Ethnographic and qualitative research techniques and interviews were used for data collection. The results showed that not only do common types of marriage between Bakhtiari people help them broaden their families, but also each type is held with a particular perspective to social relations and is of a great help in the formation and maintenance of relationships as well as avoiding any kind of crisis.