Marriage and divorce in Islamic South-East Asia.

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Abstract: The aim of this book is to examine marriage amongst the South-East Asian population of Malay stock....This population is an important one, constituting the main element in the populations of Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, and Southern Thailand, and an important element in Singapore and parts of the Philippines....Following a brief introduction to the Malay-Muslim world and some Islamic beliefs and practices pertaining to marriage and divorce in Chapter 1, Chapter 2 of this book goes on to look at the economic, social, and legal context in which the Muslim populations of South-East Asia live....Chapter 3 will then examine trends and differentials in age at first marriage, while Chapter 4 will assess what is known about the causes of these changes. In Chapters 5 and 6 attention turns to divorce, again focusing first on trends and differentials...and then on an assessment of causes....Polygamy is then discussed in Chapter 7, and in Chapter 8 the effect of changes in marriage and divorce on fertility. Chapter 9 draws the diverse strands together and reaches some conclusions.

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