

**Social and economic causes behind delayed  
marriage among working females of lahore: a  
qualitative study**



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## **ABSTRACT**

The main objective of the present research was to identify the different socio-economic factors among females who were working and delaying their marriage. Four working sectors such as; educational institutes, vocational training centers, banks and NGO's were selected for present study.

The universe of the present study was unmarried females from working place. A sample of 16 female was taken.

The purposive and snowballsampling procedure was adopted to locate the respondents. Data collection was accomplished through in-depth interviews (which was the tool for data collection).

The finding of the study after analyses showed that now-a-days in our society the young females are rapidly adopting the trend of late marriage due to some social and economic factors and those factors were constantly hindering the way of their marriage. And they prefer late marriage with the consent of their parents and their own.

## **DEDICATION**

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## **Chapter 1: Introduction**

### **Importance of marriage**

Marriage is amongst the most extremely valued forms of human association. All societies have designed socially accepted conducts in which males and females bond together (Cowan, 2016). Marriage is one of the elementary social institutions which have its origin in human pre-history and according to (Pateman, 2014), it exists in one form or the other in every society. In every culture marriage has some significant functions for individuals as well as for societies. For individuals, it diminishes the feeling of alienation (Foyster, 2014) and takes a larger role in the emotional satisfaction of spouses (Radcliffe & Forde, 2015).