

Séminaire en ligne du CREDO

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"Making marriages and "doing" kinship among the Mian speakers of Papua New Guinea"

In this paper I discuss how marriages are made (and unmade) among Mian speakers living Sandaun Province in PNG. The way of life of these endogamy-favouring hunter-horticulturalists presents a challenge to older (descent-theoretic) models of the role of kin relations in the organisation of, and maintenance of order in, small-scale social formations; but they also present a challenge to "post-kinship studies in anthropology" (Butler 2002). The presentation indicates that NKS broke with OKS in an incomplete manner, at least partly because it shares with it a problematic conception of relations and relational predicates/properties. If time permits, I will also make some general observations about the difficult trick of requiring a discipline to aim for expository adequacy and to commit to normative values.