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**Marriage and Migration in Morocco: experiences of Syrian and sub-Saharan migrants**

Largely known as an emigration or transit country, Morocco is increasingly becoming a destination country. Indeed, a growing number of West African and Central African migrants, as well as Syrian migrants decide to settle in Morocco. However, with the different flows coming from the East and the South, Morocco faces new social and legal challenges that arise with the increasing presence of migrants, both regular and irregular, who come with various cultural and religious traditions and practices. For migrants, the idea of creating a new (and better) life is an important objective when arriving to a new country. For some, the first step towards this goal is getting married and starting a family. In this chapter, we make a socio-legal analysis of the formal practices of sub-Saharan and Syrian migrants and when it comes to marriage. We not only explore if, how and when they formally register their marriages in Morocco, but also examine the actors involved in these processes and the relevance of family laws (national and transnational) in their daily lives. We use legal pluralism, migration studies and family law studies as a theoretical framework to analyze these practices. Indeed, legal pluralism, and the concept the ‘semi-autonomous social fields’ would help us acquire a relational understanding of law, how it works in practice, and how migrants react to it. Since the Covid-19 pandemic put a hold on our on-the-ground fieldwork plans, we found that new technologies and social media could provide a solution to our problem. Therefore, at the moment, we collect our data mainly by conducting online ethnographic fieldwork with migrants (including refugees). Our findings so far suggest that the migrants’ decisions to (formally) marry is highly influenced by their legal status, their financial situation and ability to obtain legal documentation.