

abstract

This is a study of the way of life and family life of lesbians in contemporary Thailand. The study focuses on the life histories of six women. Who are members of the Anjaree lesbian group. The study has found that Thai lesbians' social and economic background is very varied. There are many patterns of family life adopted by lesbians living together. Some deliberately imitate the stereotypical male and female roles and division of labour, whereas others reject them. Some couples ignore the male and female division altogether. A considerable degree of changeability and flexibility exists in the relationships of lesbian couples. Nevertheless most of the Thai lesbians in this study, try to fulfill their economic and cultural obligations towards their parents according to tradition.