

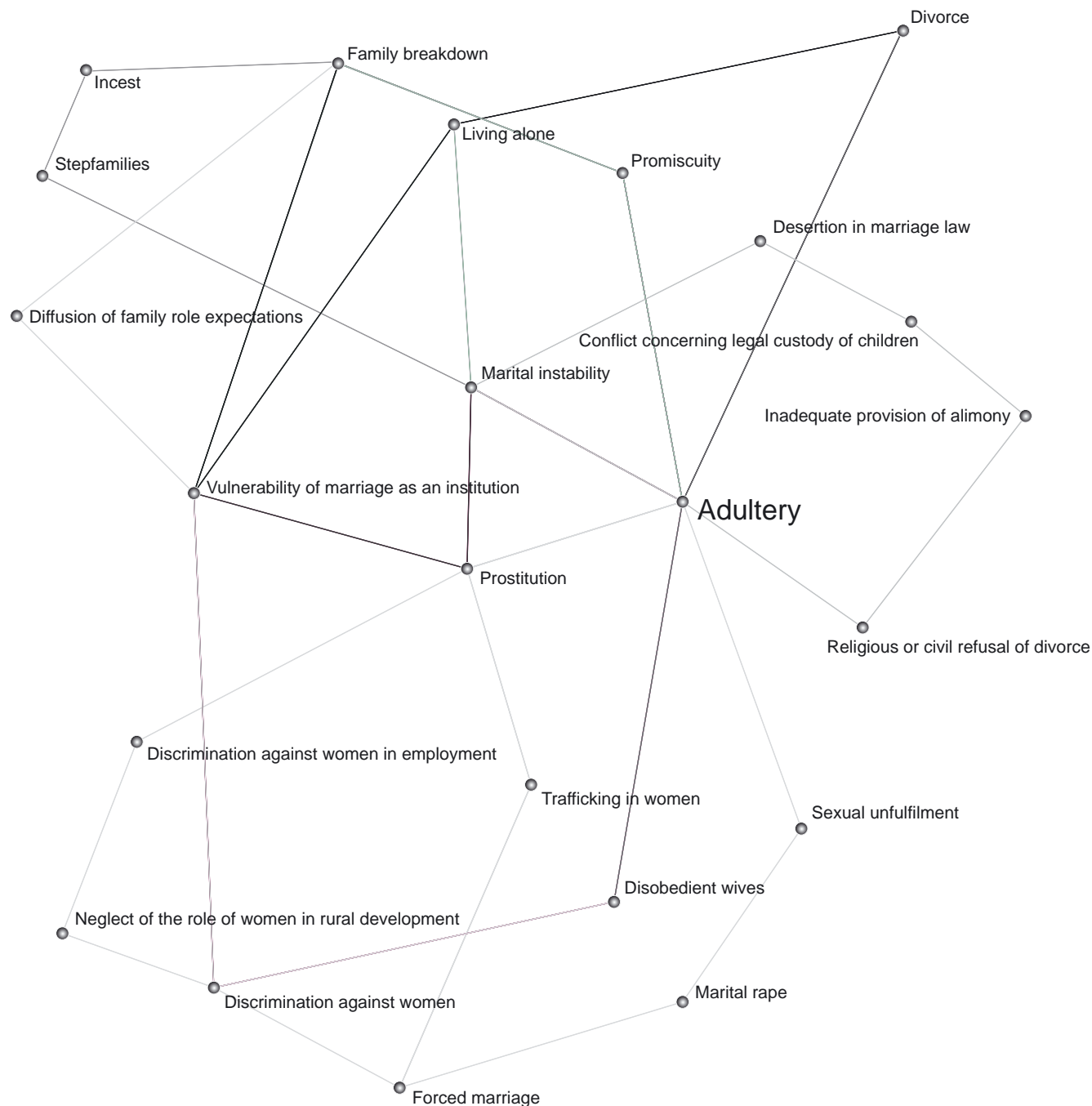
Figure 10.2.3. Adultery

Database: World Problems and Issues

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Although attitudes differ widely between cultures, and even between neighbouring communities, almost all consider adultery an offence, the punishment for which may be divorce or banishment, public exposure, mutilation and even death. Adultery is specifically defined as the act of sexual intercourse between a married person and someone other than his or her spouse, whether or not the other person is also married. In a broader sense, the term applies to an act of sexual intercourse with a partner outside the permitted group. Some communities permit adultery under certain conditions. However, local law often distinguishes between male and female, higher class and lower class; female adulterers are often more heavily discriminated against.