



# Historical Foundations underpinning Contemporary Governance Dilemmas in Zambia: A Theoretical Framework

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## Abstract

Historical Foundations underpinning Contemporary Governance Dilemmas in Zambia examines the historical roots that have shaped contemporary governance challenges in Zambia, focusing on African Studies. This article employs a qualitative approach to review historical records, legal documents, and scholarly literature to construct a comprehensive theoretical framework. This theoretical framework provides a robust model for understanding the interplay between historical contexts and contemporary governance challenges in Zambia. Policy makers should consider incorporating historical context into their decision-making processes to mitigate potential conflicts and foster more inclusive governance structures. Academics are encouraged to extend this analysis to other African countries facing similar historical legacies.

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