



African Philosophy's Contribution to Global Ethical Debates in Zambia: A Philosophical Inquiry

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Abstract

African philosophy has a rich history of addressing ethical issues within local contexts, including in Zambia. The field is underexplored globally, leaving gaps in understanding how African philosophical insights can contribute to contemporary global debates on ethics. The analysis will draw upon existing philosophical literature from Africa, particularly focusing on Zambian philosophers. A thematic approach will be used to categorize and synthesize these contributions. African philosophy in Zambia emphasizes community welfare and collective responsibility, themes that resonate with global ethical discussions around social justice and communal ethics. The findings suggest that African philosophical traditions offer valuable insights into contemporary ethical debates, particularly regarding issues of equity and solidarity. Further research is needed to explore these connections more deeply. Policy makers should consider incorporating elements from African philosophy in their approaches to social welfare and communal ethics, potentially leading to more inclusive and equitable policies.

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