



# African Philosophy in Gabon: A Mixed-Methods Exploration of Its Contributions to Global Ethical Debates

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## Abstract

African philosophy has emerged as a significant field within global intellectual discourse, particularly in Africa where it often intersects with local cultures and ethics. In Gabon, this philosophical tradition is rich and diverse, offering unique insights that can contribute to broader ethical debates. The methodology integrates qualitative interviews with academic experts on African philosophy in Gabon, complemented by quantitative analysis of philosophical texts from the region. Data triangulation is employed to ensure robust conclusions. Findings indicate that there is a notable focus within Gabonese philosophy on environmental ethics and human rights, themes that resonate globally and have significant practical implications for policy makers. The study reveals a vibrant intellectual landscape in Gabon where African philosophical traditions are actively shaping ethical thought. These contributions highlight the importance of diverse cultural perspectives in global ethical dialogues. Future research should explore how these themes translate into local and international action, fostering more inclusive and equitable ethical frameworks globally. African philosophy, Gabon, environmental ethics, human rights, mixed-methods study

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