



Syncretism and Cultural Adaptation in African Diasporas within Algeria's Religious Landscape,

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Abstract

This study explores religious syncretism and cultural adaptation among African diasporas in Algeria's diverse religious landscape. Fieldwork was conducted through participant observation in mosques, shrines, and community events over two years, supplemented by interviews with practitioners. A significant proportion (30%) of worshippers reported integrating Yoruba rituals into Islamic practices. Local shrines serve as key spaces for cultural preservation. Syncretic practices are integral to maintaining African heritage in an Algerian context, highlighting their importance for diaspora identity. Support for traditional religious sites and education on syncretism should be provided by local authorities and community organizations.

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