



Religious Syncretism and Cultural Adaptation in African Diasporas of Uganda: Implications for Policy

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Abstract

Religious syncretism refers to the blending of different religious beliefs and practices into a new system in African diasporas. A qualitative approach involving interviews with scholars and practitioners of oral poetry from various Ugandan diaspora groups to understand their experiences and adaptations. Oral poets often incorporate indigenous beliefs alongside Christianity or Islam in their performances, creating a unique blend that reflects broader societal shifts towards syncretism. The findings highlight the need for cultural sensitivity in policy development, particularly concerning religious education and community engagement programmes. Policy makers should integrate oral poetry into educational curricula to promote cross-cultural understanding and respect among Ugandan diaspora communities.

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