



Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Dynamics in Moroccan West Africa

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Abstract

Religious pluralism is increasingly recognised as a significant feature of contemporary African societies, including those in Morocco's West Africa region. The research methodology employed a mixed-methods approach involving participant observation, semi-structured interviews with local leaders, and focus group discussions across multiple communities in Morocco's West Africa region. Ethnographic fieldwork was conducted over a period of six months to capture diverse perspectives and practices. A notable finding is the significant proportion (45%) of inter-faith events organised annually by community mosques that also incorporate other religious groups, indicating a collaborative rather than exclusive engagement among faith communities. The study concludes with insights into how inter-religious dialogue can foster greater social cohesion and mutual understanding in Moroccan West Africa, challenging traditional views on religious exclusivity. Recommendations include the establishment of more inclusive inter-faith platforms to facilitate regular communication and cooperation between diverse religious groups for mutual benefit and community development.

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