



# The Evolution of African Philosophical Discourse in Post-Colonial Egypt: An Informal Settlement Perspective

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## Abstract

This study explores the evolution of African philosophical discourse in post-colonial Egypt through the lens of informal settlements. This qualitative study employs semi-structured interviews with key informants from various stakeholders involved in urban planning and policy-making in post-colonial Egypt, focusing on informal settlement areas. Data collection also included document analysis of relevant government reports and academic literature. Themes emerging from the data suggest a significant influence of African philosophical thought, particularly existentialism and critical theory, on local governance strategies for informal settlements. Philosophical discourse has shaped community development priorities by emphasising issues such as social justice, environmental sustainability, and participatory decision-making processes. The findings indicate that while philosophical ideas have provided theoretical frameworks and ethical foundations for policy formulation in post-colonial Egypt, their practical implementation remains limited due to resource constraints and bureaucratic resistance. Recommendations include the need for more comprehensive integration of philosophical insights into urban planning practices and greater emphasis on community engagement mechanisms within governance strategies for informal settlements.

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