



# The Evolution of Philosophical Thought in Post-Colonial Ghana: A Qualitative Study

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## Abstract

Post-colonial Ghana has seen a resurgence of interest in African philosophy, which seeks to understand and articulate the philosophical perspectives that emerged from the continent's historical experiences with colonialism. The research employs a qualitative approach, analysing primary sources such as published works, academic journals, and interviews with prominent scholars. Content analysis is employed to interpret the evolution of philosophical ideas across different periods. Notable themes include critiques of colonialism, discussions on cultural identity, and reflections on modernization. Interviews reveal significant shifts in how Ghanaian philosophers engage with African traditions versus Western influences. The study reveals a dynamic landscape where traditional philosophies are reinterpreted within contemporary contexts, reflecting the complex interplay between past experiences and present challenges. Further research could explore specific philosophical movements or schools of thought in greater depth, as well as their impact on social and political issues in Ghana.

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