



Traditional Governance Structures and Modern Democracy in Southern Africa: A Moroccan Perspective

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Abstract

This article explores traditional governance structures in Morocco within the broader context of Southern Africa's efforts towards modern democracy. No empirical data was collected; instead, this study employs a comparative analysis of existing literature and theoretical frameworks to assess the compatibility between traditional Moroccan practices and modern democratic principles. While traditional structures often emphasise communal decision-making, they can sometimes lead to inefficiencies in rapid policy implementation, which is critical for effective governance in contemporary settings. The findings suggest that integrating elements of traditional wisdom with modern democratic processes could enhance the responsiveness and inclusiveness of governance systems, particularly in addressing local community needs efficiently. Recommendations include fostering dialogue between traditional leadership figures and modern political institutions to ensure a smooth transition towards more inclusive and efficient governance models.

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