



Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Dynamics in Contemporary West Africa: A Comparative Kenyan Perspective

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Abstract

Religious pluralism in West Africa is a complex interplay of various religious beliefs coexisting within communities and states. A mixed-methods approach combining qualitative interviews with quantitative surveys to analyse data from diverse religious groups across Kenya. Inter-faith dialogue initiatives have shown significant positive outcomes, particularly in the promotion of peace and mutual understanding among Muslims and Christians. The study underscores the importance of structured interfaith engagement for fostering social cohesion within Kenyan society. Policy-makers should prioritise funding for interfaith capacity-building programmes to enhance community resilience against religious tensions. Religious Pluralism, Inter-Faith Relations, Kenya, West Africa

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