



Comparative Psychological Perspectives in African Ecologies: A South African Focus

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Abstract

Comparative psychology studies have explored human behaviour in diverse ecological contexts globally, but few focus on African ecologies specifically. A qualitative study involving semi-structured interviews with a sample of participants representing various ethnic groups across South Africa. Participants exhibited distinct behavioural patterns influenced by their specific ecological niches, particularly in resource management strategies. The findings highlight the importance of considering local ecologies in psychological research to better understand human behaviour. Future studies should incorporate a broader range of cultural and ecological factors into their comparative analyses.

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