



Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Dynamics in Equatorial Guinea's West African Context

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Abstract

Religious pluralism in Equatorial Guinea's West African context is marked by a complex interplay of indigenous beliefs and Christianity, with Islam also playing a significant role. The research employs qualitative methodologies including interviews and focus group discussions with local religious leaders and community members to understand contemporary interactions between different faiths. A notable theme emerging from the findings is the increasing intermarriage between Christian and Muslim couples, reflecting a normalization of coexistence despite historical tensions. The study highlights the evolving nature of religious pluralism in Equatorial Guinea, emphasising the importance of dialogue and mutual respect in fostering peaceful cohabitation among diverse faith communities. Policy makers should promote educational programmes that encourage interfaith understanding to mitigate potential conflicts arising from cultural misunderstandings. Equatorial Guinea, Religious Pluralism, West Africa, Inter-Faith Dynamics

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