



# **The Transformational Evolution of African Philosophical Thought in Post-Colonial Democratic Republic of Congo**

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## **Abstract**

African philosophical thought has evolved significantly since the end of colonial rule in the post-colonial era, with various African countries experiencing distinct developmental trajectories. The study employs a qualitative analysis to explore how philosophical discourse has adapted and transformed under new political and social conditions, focusing on DRC's historical and contemporary contexts. A thematic analysis reveals that there is a significant increase in the incorporation of indigenous African philosophies alongside Western influences, reflecting a complex interplay between tradition and modernity. The integration of traditional African philosophical concepts with contemporary democratic values has resulted in a more nuanced understanding of post-colonial identity and governance in DRC. Further research should explore the implications of these evolving philosophical perspectives on policy-making and social cohesion within DRC and other African nations. African philosophy, Democratic Republic of Congo, Post-colonial studies, Philosophical evolution

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