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Southern African Governance Grids: Traditional Structures and Modern Democracy

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Abstract

Southern Africa is characterized by a blend of traditional governance structures and modern democratic processes, exemplified in Gambia's unique political landscape. No empirical results are provided; this paper employs an analytical approach to conceptualize and discuss the integration of traditional structures into modern governance frameworks. The interplay between traditional leadership and modern democracy in Southern Africa highlights the need for nuanced approaches to governance that respect cultural heritage while fostering inclusive democratic processes. Policy-makers should consider integrating traditional structures into existing democratic frameworks to enhance legitimacy and inclusivity, particularly in rural areas where traditional leaders have significant influence.

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