



# The Evolution of Philosophical Thought in Post-Colonial Sierra Leone: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry

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## Abstract

The study explores the evolution of philosophical thought in post-colonial Sierra Leone, a country that has experienced significant changes since gaining independence from British rule. A mixed-methods approach combining qualitative interviews with quantitative surveys was employed to gather data from a diverse sample of philosophical scholars in Sierra Leone. Quantitative analysis revealed that 'justice' was the most frequently discussed theme across all surveyed participants, indicating its central importance in contemporary African philosophy. The findings suggest that while traditional philosophical concepts persist, there is also an emerging focus on issues of social justice and equality within post-colonial Sierra Leonean thought. Further research should explore the specific contexts and influences behind these themes to deepen understanding of their significance in contemporary African philosophy.

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