



Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Dynamics in West Africa and Egypt, 2003

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Abstract

This study explores the complex interplay of religious diversity and interfaith dynamics in West Africa and Egypt, providing a nuanced understanding of these cultural landscapes. Qualitative methods were employed, including participant observation, semi-structured interviews with community leaders, and focus group discussions. Data was analysed using thematic content analysis to uncover patterns of religious interaction. A significant theme emerged regarding the importance of local leadership in mediating interfaith tensions, particularly among Muslim-majority communities in West Africa where Christian and indigenous beliefs coexist. The study underscores the crucial role of community leaders in fostering mutual respect and understanding between diverse religious groups. These findings challenge simplistic narratives about religious conflict by highlighting constructive engagement models. Policy makers should prioritise training for community leaders to enhance their skills in interfaith dialogue, thereby promoting peaceful coexistence and social cohesion.

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