



The Evolutionary Landscape of African Philosophy in Post-Colonial Nigeria

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Abstract

African philosophy in post-colonial Nigeria has evolved significantly since independence, reflecting shifts in cultural and intellectual landscapes. The study employs a thematic content analysis of seminal texts and secondary literature to trace philosophical developments from the late colonial era to present day. Interviews with contemporary philosophers provide additional insights into current trends and challenges. Themes such as decolonization, cultural reclamation, and modernization are prominent across various philosophical schools, illustrating both continuity and transformation within African philosophy over time. This research underscores the rich diversity of post-colonial Nigerian philosophies while highlighting their interconnections with broader global intellectual currents. Further interdisciplinary studies combining philosophy, anthropology, and history could deepen our understanding of these philosophical evolutions.

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