



African Philosophy in Zambia: A Mixed-Methods Study on Its Contribution to Global Ethical Debates

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Abstract

African philosophy has gained increasing attention in global ethical debates, particularly within African contexts such as Zambia. However, there remains a need for more comprehensive studies to understand its contributions and impact. The study employs a combination of ethnographic interviews, focus group discussions, and surveys. Data is collected from university students, philosophers, and community leaders to capture diverse perspectives on ethical issues. A notable theme emerging from the data was the emphasis on communal responsibility in decision-making processes, with over 70% respondents citing this as a key aspect of African philosophical thought. The findings suggest that integrating African philosophical insights can enhance local and global ethical discussions by promoting inclusive, community-oriented ethics. Future research should consider longitudinal studies to track the evolution of ethical practices influenced by African philosophy in Zambia. Policy makers could also benefit from incorporating these perspectives into development strategies.

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