



Historical Foundations and Contemporary Challenges in Tanzanian Governance: A Qualitative Investigation

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Abstract

This study explores the historical underpinnings of contemporary governance challenges in Tanzania. Qualitative methods were employed, including semi-structured interviews and archival research, to analyse primary sources such as government documents and oral histories from Tanzanian communities. Themes emerged around colonial legacies influencing current political structures and community engagement strategies, with a notable finding of persistent resistance movements against recent reforms. The study concludes that historical foundations significantly influence contemporary governance challenges in Tanzania, highlighting the importance of addressing past issues for effective future policy development. Recommendations include incorporating historical context into current governance planning and fostering community participation to mitigate resistance to change.

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