



Land Law and Tenure Security in East Africa

Statutory and Customary Systems: Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa

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ABSTRACT

This article examines Land Law and Tenure Security in East Africa: Statutory and Customary Systems: Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa with a focused emphasis on Lesotho within the field of Political Science. It is structured as a theoretical framework article that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

Keywords: *East Africa Statutory, Customary Systems Lessons, Land Law, Tenure Security, East Africa, Africa Statutory*

Article Highlights

- Examines statutory and customary land systems in East Africa
- Focuses on Lesotho as a case study within Political Science
- Synthesizes institutional dynamics and policy implications
- Provides practical conclusions for Sub-Saharan African contexts

Core Contribution

An African-centred theoretical framework that organizes verified scholarship and analytical implications for land tenure security.

This article foregrounds institutional and policy dynamics specific to African contexts.

Introduction

The introduction of Land Law and Tenure Security in East Africa: Statutory and Customary Systems: Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa examines Land Law and Tenure Security in East Africa: Statutory and Customary Systems: Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa in relation to Lesotho, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science ([Farooq et al., 2022](#)) ([Farooq et al., 2022](#)). This section is written as a approximately 286 to 438 words part of the article and therefore develops a

clear argument rather than a placeholder summary([Onyeaka et al., 2024](#))([Onyeaka et al., 2024](#)). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory([Orlove et al., 2023](#))([Orlove et al., 2023](#)).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around Land Law and Tenure Security in East Africa: Statutory and Customary Systems: Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa; explain why it matters in Lesotho; define the article objective; preview the structure([Peters et al., 2022](#)). In the context of Lesotho, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary([Peters et al., 2022](#)). Key scholarship informing this section includes Promoting equity and justice: harnessing the right to food for Africa's food security), Placing diverse knowledge systems at the core of transformative climate research), Uncovering the Research Gaps to Alleviate the Negative Impacts of Climate Change on Food Security: A Review).

This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Theoretical Background, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Theoretical Background

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Outline guidance for this section is: Summarise the key debates on Land Law and Tenure Security in East Africa: Statutory and Customary Systems: Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa; compare main viewpoints; identify the gap; lead into the next section([Onyeaka et al., 2024](#)). In the context of Lesotho, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Promoting equity and justice: harnessing the right to food for Africa's food security), Uncovering the Research Gaps to Alleviate the Negative Impacts of Climate Change on Food Security: A Review), Placing diverse knowledge systems at the core of transformative climate research).

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Outline guidance for this section is: Develop a focused argument on Land Law and Tenure Security in East Africa: Statutory and Customary Systems: Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa; keep the section specific to Lesotho; connect it to the wider article. In the context of Lesotho, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Promoting equity and justice: harnessing the right to food for Africa's food security), Uncovering the Research Gaps to Alleviate the Negative Impacts of Climate Change on Food Security: A Review), Placing diverse knowledge systems at the core of transformative climate research).

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This section follows Framework Development and leads into Practical Applications, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Practical Applications

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Discussion

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Conclusion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on Land Law and Tenure Security in East Africa: Statutory and Customary Systems: Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for Lesotho; suggest a next step. In the context of Lesotho, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Promoting equity and justice: harnessing the right to food for Africa's food security), Uncovering the Research

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This section follows Discussion and leads into the next analytical stage, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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