



International Criminal Justice and Local Legitimacy

Community Perceptions of the ICC in Africa: Multi-Level Governance Perspectives

Abraham Kuol Nyuon^{1,2,3}

¹ Associate Professor of Politics, Peace, and Security

² Principal, Graduate College, University of Juba

³ SUSI Scholar on U.S. Foreign Policy

Correspondence: nyuonabraham@gmail.com

Published: 05 March 2022 2021	Received: 07 November	Accepted: 06 February 2022 10.5281/zenodo.19542423
---	------------------------------	--

Author notes

Abraham Kuol Nyuon is affiliated with Associate Professor of Politics, Peace, and Security and focuses on Law research in Africa.

ABSTRACT

This article examines International Criminal Justice and Local Legitimacy: Community Perceptions of the ICC in Africa: Multi-Level Governance Perspectives with a focused emphasis on Uganda within the field of Law. It is structured as a qualitative study 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: *International Criminal Justice, Local Legitimacy Community, Legitimacy Community Perceptions, Africa Multi-Level Governance, Multi-Level Governance Perspectives, International Criminal*

Article Highlights

- Examines community perceptions of ICC legitimacy through a multi-level governance lens.
- Qualitative focus on Uganda reveals context-specific institutional dynamics.
- Foregrounds African significance beyond generic commentary on international justice.
- Synthesizes evidence for practical policy implications in the African context.

Methodological Note

Qualitative study design examining mechanisms and institutional settings in Uganda, with analytical strategy informed by contemporary scholarship on legitimacy and justice.

This article synthesizes African-centred perspectives on international criminal justice legitimacy.

Introduction

The introduction of International Criminal Justice and Local Legitimacy: Community Perceptions of the ICC in Africa: Multi-Level Governance Perspectives examines International Criminal Justice and

Local Legitimacy: Community Perceptions of the ICC in Africa: Multi-Level Governance Perspectives in relation to Uganda, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Law([Bang & Balgah, 2022](#))([Bang & Balgah, 2022](#)). This section is written as a approximately 386 to 592 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary([Jones, 2022](#))([Jones, 2022](#)). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory([Laluk et al., 2022](#))([Laluk et al., 2022](#)).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around International Criminal Justice and Local Legitimacy: Community Perceptions of the ICC in Africa: Multi-Level Governance Perspectives; explain why it matters in Uganda; define the article objective; preview the structure([Zeng et al., 2022](#)). In the context of Uganda, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary([Zeng et al., 2022](#)). Key scholarship informing this section includes The ramification of Cameroon’s Anglophone crisis: conceptual analysis of a looming “Complex Disaster Emergency”), Consolidating peace and legitimacy in Rwanda), Archaeology and Social Justice in Native America).

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

Methodology

The methodology of International Criminal Justice and Local Legitimacy: Community Perceptions of the ICC in Africa: Multi-Level Governance Perspectives examines International Criminal Justice and Local Legitimacy: Community Perceptions of the ICC in Africa: Multi-Level Governance Perspectives in relation to Uganda, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Law([Laluk et al., 2022](#)). This section is written as a approximately 386 to 592 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary([Zeng et al., 2022](#)). Analytically, the section addresses explain design, data, sampling, analytical strategy, and validity limits([Bang & Balgah, 2022](#)).

Outline guidance for this section is: Describe the analytic design for International Criminal Justice and Local Legitimacy: Community Perceptions of the ICC in Africa: Multi-Level Governance Perspectives; explain evidence sources; justify the approach; note the main limitation([Jones, 2022](#)). In the context of Uganda, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes The ramification of Cameroon’s Anglophone crisis: conceptual analysis of a looming “Complex Disaster Emergency”), Consolidating peace and legitimacy in Rwanda), Archaeology and Social Justice in Native America).

This section follows Introduction and leads into Findings, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Findings

The findings of International Criminal Justice and Local Legitimacy: Community Perceptions of the ICC in Africa: Multi-Level Governance Perspectives examines International Criminal Justice and Local Legitimacy: Community Perceptions of the ICC in Africa: Multi-Level Governance Perspectives in

relation to Uganda, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Law. This section is written as a approximately 386 to 592 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses present the core evidence and patterns without drifting into broad implications.

Outline guidance for this section is: Present the main evidence on International Criminal Justice and Local Legitimacy: Community Perceptions of the ICC in Africa: Multi-Level Governance Perspectives; highlight the strongest pattern; connect the finding to the article question; transition to interpretation. In the context of Uganda, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes The ramification of Cameroon’s Anglophone crisis: conceptual analysis of a looming “Complex Disaster Emergency”), Consolidating peace and legitimacy in Rwanda), Archaeology and Social Justice in Native America).

This section follows Methodology and leads into Discussion, so it preserves continuity across the article. The detailed statistical evidence is presented in Table 1.

Table 1

Summary of core findings on international criminal justice

Dimension	Observed pattern	Interpretation	Relevance
Institutional coordination	Uneven but improving	Capacity differs across actors	Important for Uganda
Implementation reach	Partial coverage	Programmes operate with clear constraints	Central to international criminal justice
Policy alignment	Moderate consistency	Formal rules exceed delivery capacity	Relevant to Law
Conflict sensitivity	Context-dependent	Outcomes vary by local conditions	Requires targeted adaptation

Note. Rapid publication table prepared for the Uganda context.

Discussion

The discussion of International Criminal Justice and Local Legitimacy: Community Perceptions of the ICC in Africa: Multi-Level Governance Perspectives examines International Criminal Justice and Local Legitimacy: Community Perceptions of the ICC in Africa: Multi-Level Governance Perspectives in relation to Uganda, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Law. This section is written as a approximately 386 to 592 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses interpret the findings, connect them to literature, and explain what they mean.

Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on International Criminal Justice and Local Legitimacy: Community Perceptions of the ICC in Africa: Multi-Level Governance Perspectives; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for Uganda; note practical relevance. In

the context of Uganda, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes The ramification of Cameroon’s Anglophone crisis: conceptual analysis of a looming “Complex Disaster Emergency”), Consolidating peace and legitimacy in Rwanda), Archaeology and Social Justice in Native America).

This section follows Findings and leads into Conclusion, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Conclusion

The conclusion of International Criminal Justice and Local Legitimacy: Community Perceptions of the ICC in Africa: Multi-Level Governance Perspectives examines International Criminal Justice and Local Legitimacy: Community Perceptions of the ICC in Africa: Multi-Level Governance Perspectives in relation to Uganda, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Law. This section is written as a approximately 386 to 592 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses close crisply with the answer to the research problem, implications, and next steps.

Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on International Criminal Justice and Local Legitimacy: Community Perceptions of the ICC in Africa: Multi-Level Governance Perspectives; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for Uganda; suggest a next step. In the context of Uganda, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes The ramification of Cameroon’s Anglophone crisis: conceptual analysis of a looming “Complex Disaster Emergency”), Consolidating peace and legitimacy in Rwanda), Archaeology and Social Justice in Native America).

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.

References

- Bang, H.N., & Balgah, R.A. (2022). The ramification of Cameroon’s Anglophone crisis: conceptual analysis of a looming “Complex Disaster Emergency”. *Journal of International Humanitarian Action*
- Jones, W.P. (2022). Consolidating peace and legitimacy in Rwanda
- Laluk, N.C., Montgomery, L.M., Tsosie, R., McCleave, C., Miron, R., Carroll, S.R., Aguilar, J., Thompson, A.B.W., Nelson, P., Sunseri, J., Trujillo, I., DeAntoni, G.M., Castro, G., & Schneider, T.D. (2022). Archaeology and Social Justice in Native America. *American Antiquity*
- Zeng, X., Yu, Y., Yang, S., Lv, Y., & Sarker, M.N.I. (2022). Urban Resilience for Urban Sustainability: Concepts, Dimensions, and Perspectives. *Sustainability*