



# Indigenous Knowledge Systems in Moroccan Legal Practice: An Ethnographic Inquiry

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## Abstract

Morocco's legal system incorporates indigenous knowledge systems that reflect local cultural practices and beliefs. An ethnographic study was conducted in Morocco to understand the role of indigenous knowledge systems in legal proceedings, including interviews with judges, lawyers, and community members. Indigenous knowledge systems were found to play a significant role in Moroccan legal practice, particularly in areas such as family law and inheritance disputes, where they often complement formal legal procedures. The study highlights the importance of recognising and integrating indigenous knowledge systems into modern legal frameworks to better serve diverse communities. Legal practitioners and policymakers should acknowledge and integrate indigenous knowledge systems to enhance the effectiveness and inclusivity of legal practices in Morocco.

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