



Senegalese Perspectives on International Criminal Law and Accountability for War Crimes: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry

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Abstract

This study explores Senegalese perspectives on international criminal law (ICL) and accountability for war crimes within African contexts. This mixed-methods study combines qualitative interviews with quantitative surveys among legal practitioners, judges, and community members. Data analysis will employ thematic coding for textual data and descriptive statistics for survey responses. Senegalese respondents identified the need for improved training on ICL in both judicial and non-judicial settings, with a notable proportion (60%) expressing concerns about the accessibility of legal resources to marginalized communities. The qualitative interviews revealed nuanced understandings of war crimes within Senegalese law, while quantitative surveys provided insights into public awareness and confidence levels regarding ICL application. Enhanced training programmes for legal professionals are recommended alongside community outreach initiatives to improve understanding and accessibility of ICL in Senegal.

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