



Indigenous Knowledge Systems within Legal Practice Paradigms in Burkina Faso

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Abstract

Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) in Burkina Faso are deeply embedded within local communities, influencing various aspects of daily life including legal disputes. A qualitative approach will be employed to analyse existing literature and interviews with practitioners, focusing on the integration of traditional justice systems into modern legal frameworks. The interplay between IKS and formal law reveals a complex yet dynamic relationship that can inform future policy on integrating traditional practices within broader legal systems. Policy makers should consider the role of IKS in their legal reforms, potentially through advisory bodies or community-based initiatives to ensure inclusivity and effectiveness.

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