



Traditional Governance Structures and Modern Democracy in Southern Africa: An African Perspective

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Abstract

Southern Africa is home to diverse traditional governance structures that have coexisted with modern democratic systems in various countries such as Ghana. The analysis draws on existing literature, case studies from Southern Africa, and theoretical frameworks to examine these dynamics without relying on empirical data. The commentary highlights the complex interplay between traditional governance structures and modern democracy in Southern Africa, advocating for more inclusive democratic practices that respect indigenous knowledge systems. Policy makers should integrate traditional councils into decision-making processes where appropriate to enhance community participation and effectiveness of democratic institutions.

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