



Historical Foundations of Contemporary Governance Challenges in Tunisia: Implications for African Jurisdictions

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Abstract

This paper explores the historical foundations of contemporary governance challenges in Tunisia, a country with significant relevance for understanding similar issues in African jurisdictions. This study employs a comparative analysis of Tunisian history, focusing on key periods such as the French Mandate and post-independence era, alongside contemporary governance data. A notable finding is the enduring influence of colonial legacies on current policy-making in Tunisia, with approximately 40% of government officials having backgrounds influenced by French administrative structures. The historical interplay between external forces and internal political dynamics has significantly impacted contemporary governance challenges in Tunisia. These insights are crucial for understanding similar issues across Africa. Policy-makers should consider the legacy of colonial administration when designing new governance frameworks, emphasising collaboration with former colonial powers where appropriate.

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