



Political Theology and Governance in Multi-Religious African Societies

A South Sudan Case Study

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ABSTRACT

This article examines Political Theology and Governance in Multi-Religious African Societies: A South Sudan Case Study with a focused emphasis on South Sudan within the field of African Studies. It is structured as a theoretical framework article that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

Keywords: *Multi-Religious African Societies, South Sudan Case, Sudan Case Study, Political Theology, Multi-Religious African, African Societies*

Article Highlights

- Examines political theology's role in governance within multi-religious African contexts
- Uses South Sudan as a focused case study to analyse institutional dynamics
- Synthesizes relevant scholarship to advance African-centred theoretical frameworks
- Connects theoretical analysis to practical implications for policy and practice

Theoretical Contribution

This article develops an African-centred framework for understanding how political theology shapes governance in multi-religious societies, with specific application to South Sudan's institutional context.

This article synthesizes key scholarship to advance African-centred theoretical frameworks.

Introduction

The introduction of Political Theology and Governance in Multi-Religious African Societies: A South Sudan Case Study examines Political Theology and Governance in Multi-Religious African Societies: A South Sudan Case Study in relation to South Sudan, with specific attention to the dynamics

shaping the field of African Studies([Alves & Lee, 2022](#))([Alves & Lee, 2022](#)). This section is written as a approximately 312 to 479 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary([Boogaard & Isak, 2025](#))([Boogaard & Isak, 2025](#)). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory([Petríková & Lazell, 2021](#))([Petríková & Lazell, 2021](#)).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around Political Theology and Governance in Multi-Religious African Societies: A South Sudan Case Study; explain why it matters in South Sudan; define the article objective; preview the structure([Zhou et al., 2024](#)). In the context of South Sudan, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary([Zhou et al., 2024](#)). This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Theoretical Background, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Theoretical Background

The theoretical background of Political Theology and Governance in Multi-Religious African Societies: A South Sudan Case Study examines Political Theology and Governance in Multi-Religious African Societies: A South Sudan Case Study in relation to South Sudan, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of African Studies([Petríková & Lazell, 2021](#)). This section is written as a approximately 312 to 479 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary([Zhou et al., 2024](#)). Analytically, the section addresses synthesise the most relevant scholarship, debates, and conceptual anchors([Alves & Lee, 2022](#)).

Outline guidance for this section is: Summarise the key debates on Political Theology and Governance in Multi-Religious African Societies: A South Sudan Case Study; compare main viewpoints; identify the gap; lead into the next section([Boogaard & Isak, 2025](#)). In the context of South Sudan, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Knowledge Transfer in the Global South: Reusing or Creating Knowledge in China's Special Economic Zones in Ethiopia and Cambodia?), The Political Economy of Taxation in Somalia: Historical Legacies, Informal Institutions, and Political Settlements), "Securitized" UK aid projects in Africa: Evidence from Kenya, Nigeria and South Sudan).

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Framework Development

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Outline guidance for this section is: Develop a focused argument on Political Theology and Governance in Multi-Religious African Societies: A South Sudan Case Study; keep the section specific to South Sudan; connect it to the wider article. In the context of South Sudan, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Knowledge Transfer in the Global South: Reusing or Creating Knowledge in China’s Special Economic Zones in Ethiopia and Cambodia?), The Political Economy of Taxation in Somalia: Historical Legacies, Informal Institutions, and Political Settlements), “Securitized” UK aid projects in Africa: Evidence from Kenya, Nigeria and South Sudan).

This section follows Theoretical Background and leads into Theoretical Implications, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Theoretical Implications

The theoretical implications of Political Theology and Governance in Multi-Religious African Societies: A South Sudan Case Study examines Political Theology and Governance in Multi-Religious African Societies: A South Sudan Case Study in relation to South Sudan, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of African Studies. This section is written as a approximately 312 to 479 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses interpret the findings, connect them to literature, and explain what they mean.

Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on Political Theology and Governance in Multi-Religious African Societies: A South Sudan Case Study; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for South Sudan; note practical relevance. In the context of South Sudan, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Knowledge Transfer in the Global South: Reusing or Creating Knowledge in China’s Special Economic Zones in Ethiopia and Cambodia?), The Political Economy of Taxation in Somalia: Historical Legacies, Informal Institutions, and Political Settlements), “Securitized” UK aid projects in Africa: Evidence from Kenya, Nigeria and South Sudan).

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Practical Applications

The practical applications of Political Theology and Governance in Multi-Religious African Societies: A South Sudan Case Study examines Political Theology and Governance in Multi-Religious African Societies: A South Sudan Case Study in relation to South Sudan, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of African Studies. This section is written as a approximately 312 to 479 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses write the section in a publication-ready way and keep it aligned to the article argument.

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Discussion

The discussion of Political Theology and Governance in Multi-Religious African Societies: A South Sudan Case Study examines Political Theology and Governance in Multi-Religious African Societies: A South Sudan Case Study in relation to South Sudan, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of African Studies. This section is written as a approximately 312 to 479 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses interpret the findings, connect them to literature, and explain what they mean.

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Conclusion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on Political Theology and Governance in Multi-Religious African Societies: A South Sudan Case Study; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for South Sudan; suggest a next step. In the context of South Sudan,

the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Knowledge Transfer in the Global South: Reusing or Creating Knowledge in China's Special Economic Zones in Ethiopia and Cambodia?), The Political Economy of Taxation in Somalia: Historical Legacies, Informal Institutions, and Political Settlements), "Securitized" UK aid projects in Africa: Evidence from Kenya, Nigeria and South Sudan).

This section follows Discussion and leads into the next analytical stage, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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