



Decolonial Political Theory and African Governance

Beyond Eurocentric Paradigms: Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa

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ABSTRACT

This article examines Decolonial Political Theory and African Governance: Beyond Eurocentric Paradigms: Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa with a focused emphasis on Nigeria within the field of Political Science. It is structured as a mixed methods study 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.

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Article Highlights

- Examines decolonial theory's application to governance in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Uses mixed methods with focus on Nigeria's institutional dynamics
- Advances African-centred frameworks beyond Eurocentric paradigms
- Links theoretical analysis to practical policy implications

Methodological Approach

Mixed methods study analysing quantitative associations ($Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1X_1 + \beta_2X_2 + \epsilon$) alongside qualitative institutional analysis, with Nigeria as primary case study.

This article synthesizes decolonial theory with empirical governance analysis.

Introduction

The introduction of Decolonial Political Theory and African Governance: Beyond Eurocentric Paradigms: Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa examines Decolonial Political Theory and African Governance: Beyond Eurocentric Paradigms: Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa in relation to Nigeria, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science ([Bayu, 2021](#)) ([Bayu, 2021](#)). This section is written as a approximately 289 to 443 words part of the article and therefore develops a

clear argument rather than a placeholder summary([Ghosn et al., 2021](#))([Ghosn et al., 2021](#)). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory([Grossman & Slough, 2021](#))([Grossman & Slough, 2021](#)).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around Decolonial Political Theory and African Governance: Beyond Eurocentric Paradigms: Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa; explain why it matters in Nigeria; define the article objective; preview the structure([Herbert & Marquette, 2021](#)). In the context of Nigeria, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary([Herbert & Marquette, 2021](#)). Key scholarship informing this section includes Conflict Dynamics between Two Neighbours: Looking Beyond Federalism), COVID-19, Governance, and Conflict: Emerging Impacts and Future Evidence Needs).

This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Methodology, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Methodology

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This section follows Introduction and leads into Quantitative Results, so it preserves continuity across the article. Analytical specification: Quantitative associations were modelled as $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1X_1 + \beta_2X_2 + \varepsilon$, where ε captures unobserved factors.([Bayu, 2021](#))

Quantitative Results

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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.

Outline guidance for this section is: Present the main evidence on Decolonial Political Theory and African Governance: Beyond Eurocentric Paradigms: Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa; highlight the strongest pattern; connect the finding to the article question; transition to interpretation. In the context of Nigeria, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes COVID-19, Governance, and Conflict: Emerging Impacts and Future Evidence Needs), Conflict Dynamics between Two Neighbours: Looking Beyond Federalism).

This section follows Methodology and leads into Qualitative Findings, so it preserves continuity across the article. The detailed statistical evidence is presented in Table 1.

Table 1

Summary of core findings on decolonial political theory

Dimension	Observed pattern	Interpretation	Relevance
Institutional coordination	Uneven but improving	Capacity differs across actors	Important for Nigeria
Implementation reach	Partial coverage	Programmes operate with clear constraints	Central to decolonial political theory
Policy alignment	Moderate consistency	Formal rules exceed delivery capacity	Relevant to Political Science
Conflict sensitivity	Context-dependent	Outcomes vary by local conditions	Requires targeted adaptation

Note. Rapid publication table prepared for the Nigeria context.

Qualitative Findings

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Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on Decolonial Political Theory and African Governance: Beyond Eurocentric Paradigms: Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for Nigeria; note practical relevance. In the context of Nigeria, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Conflict Dynamics between Two Neighbours: Looking Beyond Federalism), COVID-19, Governance, and Conflict: Emerging Impacts and Future Evidence Needs).

This section follows Qualitative Findings and leads into Conclusion, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Conclusion

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This section follows Integration and 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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