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Keywords: *Hybrid Community Mediation, South Sudan Customary, Sudan Customary Governance, Customary Governance after Conflict, Hybrid Community*

Article Highlights

- Novel empirical analysis of hybrid mediation mechanisms in South Sudan (2021-2024)
- Challenges assumptions about inevitable erosion of customary systems
- Positions hybrid arrangements as pragmatic collaboration for water conflict management
- Advances theoretical debates on institutional hybridity in post-conflict contexts

Core Contribution

This perspective provides dual contributions: empirical analysis of water conflict mediation in South Sudan and theoretical advancement on institutional hybridity as resilient governance.

Examines how customary governance adapts to secure resources after conflict.

Introduction

The introduction of Hybrid Community Mediation and Water Security in South Sudan: Customary Governance after Conflict examines Hybrid Community Mediation and Water Security in South Sudan: Customary Governance after Conflict in relation to South Sudan, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science ([Alusala et al., 2023](#)) ([Alusala et al., 2023](#)). This section is written as a approximately 373 to 572 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument

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the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary (Minko, 2024). This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Current Landscape, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Current Landscape

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Analysis and Argumentation

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Conclusion

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

Contributions

This perspective makes a dual contribution to the political science of post-conflict governance. First, it provides a novel empirical analysis of hybrid mediation mechanisms in South Sudan between 2021 and 2024, demonstrating how customary authorities and state actors have collaborated pragmatically to manage acute local water conflicts.

Second, it advances theoretical debates on institutional hybridity by arguing that such arrangements are not merely transitional but constitute a resilient, adaptive form of order. The analysis challenges assumptions about the inevitable erosion of customary systems, positioning them as central to immediate resource security and longer-term political stabilisation.

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