



The Evolution of Philosophical Discourse in Central African Republic Post-Colonial Epoch

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Abstract

The Central African Republic (CAR) has experienced a post-colonial period since its independence in , marked by political instability and economic challenges that have influenced philosophical discourse. Qualitative content analysis was employed to examine a selection of philosophical works published since independence. These texts were analysed for recurring themes, arguments, and influences, with attention given to language use and cultural references. A notable theme emerging from the analysis is the influence of Western philosophy on local thought, particularly in areas such as ethics and governance. The proportion of texts addressing indigenous philosophical traditions has increased over time, reflecting a growing interest in preserving CAR's cultural heritage within its philosophical framework. The findings suggest that while there remains significant engagement with traditional European philosophies, there is also a burgeoning recognition of the need to integrate local knowledge systems into philosophical discourse. This development indicates a maturing philosophical community in CAR post-colonially. Further research should focus on methodologies for integrating indigenous and Western philosophical perspectives more effectively. Policy recommendations could include support for academic institutions that promote interdisciplinary studies focusing on African philosophies. Central African Republic, Post-Colonial Philosophy, Cultural Integration, Philosophical Evolution

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