



# The Evolution of Philosophical Thought in Post-Colonial Niger

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## Abstract

Niger, a landlocked country in West Africa, has experienced significant socio-political changes since its independence from France in . Post-colonial Niger saw the emergence of various philosophical movements that sought to redefine national identity and governance. The study employs a qualitative approach, analysing published works, scholarly articles, and interviews with prominent philosophers from post-colonial Niger. A thematic analysis is conducted to identify recurring themes and patterns in the philosophical discussions of this period. Philosophical discourse in post-colonial Niger has been marked by a strong emphasis on national identity, governance structures, and social justice issues. Themes such as cultural preservation, statecraft, and environmental ethics have been central to these debates. The study concludes that while philosophical evolution in post-colonial Niger was influenced by global trends, it also reflected local socio-political concerns, particularly the struggle for national sovereignty and economic development. Further research should explore how contemporary philosophers in Niger continue to engage with these themes and address emerging issues such as climate change and digital governance.

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