



Public History and Memory-Making in Post-Conflict African Societies: A Qualitative Study from South Africa's Perspective

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Abstract

Public history and memory-making in post-conflict societies are critical for societal healing and reconciliation. This study employs semi-structured interviews and focus groups to understand participants' experiences of public history initiatives. Participants highlighted the importance of involving diverse community members in historical projects, particularly women and youth, contributing a more inclusive narrative. Public history can be a powerful tool for fostering social cohesion by involving previously marginalized voices. Communities should prioritise inclusivity in public history initiatives to ensure broader societal benefit.

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