



Cross-Cultural Validation and Application in African Forensic Psychology: A Review of Psychological Assessment Tools in Botswana

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Abstract

Cross-cultural validation is critical for ensuring that psychological assessment tools are effective and valid when applied to diverse populations in forensic settings. The review synthesizes existing literature on cultural adaptations of psychological assessments used in forensic psychology contexts within Botswana. A key theme was the need for localized versions of established scales to accommodate cultural nuances, with a notable example being the adaptation of the Child Psychopathy Scale (CPS) to better reflect local values and behaviors. The review highlights the importance of culturally tailored assessments in forensic settings but identifies a critical gap in comprehensive cross-cultural validation studies for African populations. Further research is recommended to validate cultural adaptations, particularly those that incorporate traditional healing practices into psychological assessment frameworks. Psychological Assessment Tools, Cross-Cultural Adaptation, Forensic Psychology, Botswana

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