



Environmental Justice Movements in Resource-Rich African Societies: A Theoretical Framework for South Sudan

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Abstract

Environmental justice movements in resource-rich African societies are increasingly recognised for their role in addressing environmental degradation and social inequality. South Sudan, with its abundant natural resources, exemplifies these dynamics. However, empirical research on such movements is limited. A qualitative approach will be employed to analyse existing literature, case studies, and interviews with movement leaders and activists in South Sudan. This method will help in understanding the complex interplay between environmental issues and social justice. This framework offers a nuanced understanding of environmental justice movements in South Sudan and contributes to the broader field of African studies by highlighting the need for more inclusive governance structures that consider social equity alongside economic development. Policy recommendations include strengthening legal frameworks to protect marginalized communities, enhancing community engagement processes in resource management, and fostering cross-sectoral collaboration between government agencies and civil society organizations.

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