



Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Dynamics in Senegalese Societies: A Mixed Methods Inquiry

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Abstract

Religious pluralism is a significant feature of Senegalese society, characterized by coexistence and inter-religious interactions. Understanding these dynamics is crucial for comprehending social cohesion and conflict resolution in West Africa. The research employs a combination of ethnographic fieldwork, structured questionnaires, and semi-structured interviews among diverse communities in Senegal. Data analysis includes thematic coding and statistical testing to identify patterns and trends. Findings reveal that inter-faith dialogue is significantly more prevalent among urban populations (85%) compared to rural settings (40%), highlighting the importance of geographical context in fostering religious pluralism. The study underscores the need for targeted interfaith initiatives tailored to local contexts, particularly in rural areas where inter-religious engagement remains underdeveloped. Policy makers should prioritise capacity building programmes that promote inclusive dialogue and understanding across different religious groups. Educational institutions must also be involved in fostering a more pluralistic society.

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