



Challenges and Opportunities in Post-Conflict Jurisprudence: A Senegalese Perspective

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Abstract

Post-conflict states in Africa face significant legal challenges as they attempt to rebuild stable societies while integrating new legal frameworks and practices. Qualitative research methods were employed, including semi-structured interviews with legal practitioners, judges, and community leaders from various regions of Senegal. Participant observations and document reviews supplemented the data collection process. Interviews revealed a notable challenge in achieving uniform application of justice across different regions due to varying levels of resource allocation and infrastructure development. Despite these challenges, there is evidence of innovative legal practices emerging that emphasise community involvement and restorative justice mechanisms as effective strategies for post-conflict healing and reconciliation. Policy recommendations include prioritising equitable resource distribution and fostering collaborative partnerships between local communities and judicial bodies to enhance overall legal effectiveness.

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