



Pan-Africanism Revisited in South Africa: Challenges and Opportunities in the Contemporary Era

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Abstract

Pan-Africanism has been a significant ideological force in Africa since the mid-19th century, with South Africa playing a pivotal role as both a recipient of and contributor to Pan-Africanist ideas. The analysis is conceptual and theoretical, drawing from historical and contemporary literature, without empirical data collection or analysis. While challenges persist, including skepticism towards African unity and internal divisions, there is growing recognition of Pan-Africanism's relevance in addressing current social issues and fostering a sense of shared identity among South Africans. The reinvigorated discourse offers opportunities for dialogue and collaboration across ethnic and cultural boundaries. Policy-makers should engage more actively with Pan-Africanist thought to inform their strategies, while scholars must continue to explore the complexities of Pan-Africanism in diverse contexts within Africa.

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