



Philosophical Foundations: An Analysis of African Perspectives on Ethics in Tanzania

Amelia Ndege¹, Shannon Wilson-Holt^{2,3}, Cherine Mponda^{2,4}, Daisy Mwamwaya^{3,5}

¹ Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences (CUHAS)

² Ardhi University, Dar es Salaam

³ Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences (CUHAS)

⁴ Department of Research, Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences (CUHAS)

⁵ Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Ardhi University, Dar es Salaam

Published: 14 April 2009 | **Received:** 11 November 2008 | **Accepted:** 01 March 2009

Correspondence: andege@hotmail.com

DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.18897524](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18897524)

Author notes

Amelia Ndege is affiliated with Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences (CUHAS) and focuses on Arts & Humanities research in Africa.

Shannon Wilson-Holt is affiliated with Ardhi University, Dar es Salaam and focuses on Arts & Humanities research in Africa.

Cherine Mponda is affiliated with Department of Research, Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences (CUHAS) and focuses on Arts & Humanities research in Africa.

Daisy Mwamwaya is affiliated with Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Ardhi University, Dar es Salaam and focuses on Arts & Humanities research in Africa.

Abstract

African philosophy has seen a resurgence in recent years, with scholars increasingly engaging with global ethical debates. Tanzania, as a diverse nation with significant cultural and philosophical traditions, offers valuable insights into how African perspectives can contribute to these discussions. The methodology involves a qualitative analysis of primary texts such as scholarly articles, religious texts, and traditional oral histories from different regions of Tanzania. A thematic content analysis will be employed to synthesize the findings. Findings indicate that Tanzanian ethical discourse often incorporates themes of ubuntu (humaneness) and respect for ancestors, reflecting a deep interconnectedness with nature and community. These themes are particularly evident in contemporary legal reforms aimed at promoting social cohesion. This study contributes to the global conversation on ethics by highlighting specific African philosophical contributions that have practical implications for policy-making and societal development in Tanzania. Future research should explore how these traditional ethical frameworks can be integrated into formal education systems, thereby fostering a more inclusive understanding of ethical practices among Tanzanian youth. African philosophy, Ethics, Tanzania, Ubuntu, Traditional oral histories

Keywords: *African diaspora, Ethical pluralism, Hermeneutics, Intersectionality, Relational ethics, Ubuntu, Postcolonial theory*

ABSTRACT-ONLY PUBLICATION

This is an abstract-only publication. The complete research paper with full methodology, results, discussion, and references is available upon request.

✉ **REQUEST FULL PAPER**

Email: info@parj.africa

Request your copy of the full paper today!

SUBMIT YOUR RESEARCH

Are you a researcher in Africa? We welcome your submissions!

Join our community of African scholars and share your groundbreaking work.

Submit at: app.parj.africa



Scan to visit app.parj.africa

Open Access Scholarship from PARJ

Empowering African Research | Advancing Global Knowledge