



# The Historical Foundations of Governance Challenges in Madagascar's Post-colonial Era

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## Abstract

Madagascar's post-colonial governance challenges are rooted in its colonial history, which has left a significant imprint on contemporary political and social systems. The study employs a comparative historical analysis, focusing on archival research, oral histories, and secondary sources to trace the evolution of governance structures from pre-colonial times to the present day. Key themes emerge regarding the persistence of colonial administrative models in local government functions, particularly in rural areas where traditional leadership roles have been integrated into modern political hierarchies. The historical integration of colonial governance frameworks into contemporary structures has contributed to ongoing challenges such as corruption and inefficiency in public administration. Policy recommendations include the need for a more inclusive approach that acknowledges pre-existing community-based institutions while reforming structural elements inherited from colonial rule.

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