



The Transformation of Philosophical Discourse in Post-Colonial Africa: A Case Study from Mali

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Abstract

Post-colonial Africa has seen a complex interplay of cultural revival and intellectual re-evaluation in philosophical discourse. Mali, with its rich historical tapestry, provides a unique case study for examining these transformations. The research employs a qualitative approach, analysing existing literature, secondary data from scholarly journals, and interviews with contemporary philosophers in Mali. A thematic analysis is conducted to uncover recurring themes and shifts in discourse. A notable finding is the resurgence of traditional Malian philosophical concepts alongside Western influences, particularly within existentialist and post-structuralist frameworks. This blend has led to a nuanced understanding of individual identity and collective heritage. The integration of indigenous philosophies with global intellectual currents in Mali demonstrates a dynamic process of self-representation that is both inclusive and critical. Future research could benefit from empirical studies or comparative analyses across other post-colonial African nations to identify commonalities and unique trajectories. Post-Colonial Africa, Philosophical Discourse, Mali, Identity Formation

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