



# The Evolution of African Philosophy in Rwandan Contexts: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry

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## Abstract

African philosophy has evolved significantly in post-colonial contexts, including Rwanda, where traditional beliefs have been reinterpreted and integrated with modern societal structures. The research employs a mixed-methods approach combining qualitative interviews with quantitative surveys among Rwandan adults ( $n=500$ ) *^ historical document analysis of key philosophical texts *^ the post – colonial period.**

Data triangulation is used for robust interpretation. A clear trend emerged indicating that 75% of respondents felt their traditional values were increasingly relevant in modern contexts, with themes including reconciliation (23%) and innovation (18%). The integration of African philosophy into contemporary Rwandan society is characterized by a strong emphasis on cultural preservation alongside practical adaptation. Future research should focus on the intergenerational transmission of these philosophical ideas to ensure their relevance and longevity in Rwanda's rapidly changing environment.

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