



The Evolution of African Philosophical Thought in Post-Colonial Kenya: A Mixed Methods Inquiry

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Abstract

The post-colonial era in Kenya has seen a re-evaluation of cultural heritage and philosophical thought within African Studies. The research employs both qualitative interviews and quantitative surveys among Kenyan philosophers, focusing on themes of cultural identity, philosophical evolution, and societal impact. A significant proportion (70%) of respondents emphasised the importance of reconciling indigenous wisdom with contemporary challenges in their work. Themes such as environmental ethics and social justice were recurrent across different age groups. The findings suggest a dynamic interplay between traditional African philosophies and modern societal issues, indicating a resilient yet evolving intellectual landscape in Kenya. Further research should focus on the specific impacts of digital media on philosophical discourse among younger generations.

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