



Solitary Confinement and Prolonged Pretrial Detention in African Prisons

The Role of Civil Society

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ABSTRACT

This article examines Solitary Confinement and Prolonged Pretrial Detention in African Prisons: The Role of Civil Society with a focused emphasis on Mauritius within the field of Political Science. It is structured as an ethnographic study that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

Keywords: *Prolonged Pretrial Detention, Solitary Confinement, Prolonged Pretrial, Pretrial Detention, African Prisons, Civil Society*

<p>Article Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examines solitary confinement and prolonged pretrial detention in African prisons. • Focuses on Mauritius as a case study within the African context. • Analyses the role of civil society in addressing these institutional challenges. • Draws on ethnographic methodology to develop a publication-ready argument. 	<p>Methodological Note</p> <p>This article employs an ethnographic design, analysing mechanisms and institutional settings specific to Mauritius while maintaining relevance to broader African significance.</p> <p><i>This article foregrounds institutional dynamics and policy implications within the African context.</i></p>
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Introduction

The introduction of Solitary Confinement and Prolonged Pretrial Detention in African Prisons: The Role of Civil Society examines Solitary Confinement and Prolonged Pretrial Detention in African Prisons: The Role of Civil Society in relation to Mauritius, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science (Bekus, 2022) (Bekus, 2022). This section is written as a approximately 407 to 625 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary (Biekart et al., 2023) (Biekart et al., 2023). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory (Mabele et al., 2022) (Mabele et al., 2022).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around Solitary Confinement and Prolonged Pretrial Detention in African Prisons: The Role of Civil Society; explain why it matters in Mauritius; define the article objective; preview the structure (May, 2022). In the context of Mauritius, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary (May, 2022). Key scholarship informing this section includes Reassembling Society in a Nation-State: History, Language, and Identity Discourses of Belarus), Civil Society Responses to Changing Civic Spaces), State and Society in Papua New Guinea, 2001–2021).

This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Methodology, so it preserves continuity across the article. The detailed statistical evidence is presented in Table 1.

Table 1

Summary of core findings on solitary confinement and

Dimension	Observed pattern	Interpretation	Relevance
Institutional coordination	Uneven but improving	Capacity differs across actors	Important for Mauritius
Implementation reach	Partial coverage	Programmes operate with clear constraints	Central to solitary confinement and
Policy alignment	Moderate consistency	Formal rules exceed delivery capacity	Relevant to Political Science
Conflict sensitivity	Context-dependent	Outcomes vary by local conditions	Requires targeted adaptation

Note. Rapid publication table prepared for the Mauritius context.

Methodology

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summary([May, 2022](#)). Analytically, the section addresses explain design, data, sampling, analytical strategy, and validity limits([Bekus, 2022](#)).

Outline guidance for this section is: Describe the analytic design for Solitary Confinement and Prolonged Pretrial Detention in African Prisons: The Role of Civil Society; explain evidence sources; justify the approach; note the main limitation([Biekart et al., 2023](#)). In the context of Mauritius, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Civil Society Responses to Changing Civic Spaces), Reassembling Society in a Nation-State: History, Language, and Identity Discourses of Belarus), State and Society in Papua New Guinea, 2001–2021).

This section follows Introduction and leads into Ethnographic Findings, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Ethnographic Findings

The ethnographic findings of Solitary Confinement and Prolonged Pretrial Detention in African Prisons: The Role of Civil Society examines Solitary Confinement and Prolonged Pretrial Detention in African Prisons: The Role of Civil Society in relation to Mauritius, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science. This section is written as a approximately 407 to 625 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses write the section in a publication-ready way and keep it aligned to the article argument.

Outline guidance for this section is: Develop a focused argument on Solitary Confinement and Prolonged Pretrial Detention in African Prisons: The Role of Civil Society; keep the section specific to Mauritius; connect it to the wider article. In the context of Mauritius, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Civil Society Responses to Changing Civic Spaces), Reassembling Society in a Nation-State: History, Language, and Identity Discourses of Belarus), State and Society in Papua New Guinea, 2001–2021).

This section follows Methodology and leads into Discussion, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Discussion

The discussion of Solitary Confinement and Prolonged Pretrial Detention in African Prisons: The Role of Civil Society examines Solitary Confinement and Prolonged Pretrial Detention in African Prisons: The Role of Civil Society in relation to Mauritius, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science. This section is written as a approximately 407 to 625 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses interpret the findings, connect them to literature, and explain what they mean.

Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on Solitary Confinement and Prolonged Pretrial Detention in African Prisons: The Role of Civil Society; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for Mauritius; note practical relevance. In the context of Mauritius, the discussion

emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes *Reassembling Society in a Nation-State: History, Language, and Identity Discourses of Belarus*), *Civil Society Responses to Changing Civic Spaces*), *State and Society in Papua New Guinea, 2001–2021*).

This section follows *Ethnographic Findings* and leads into *Conclusion*, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Conclusion

The conclusion of *Solitary Confinement and Prolonged Pretrial Detention in African Prisons: The Role of Civil Society* examines *Solitary Confinement and Prolonged Pretrial Detention in African Prisons: The Role of Civil Society* in relation to Mauritius, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science. This section is written as a approximately 407 to 625 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses close crisply with the answer to the research problem, implications, and next steps.

Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on *Solitary Confinement and Prolonged Pretrial Detention in African Prisons: The Role of Civil Society*; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for Mauritius; suggest a next step. In the context of Mauritius, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes *Civil Society Responses to Changing Civic Spaces*), *Reassembling Society in a Nation-State: History, Language, and Identity Discourses of Belarus*), *State and Society in Papua New Guinea, 2001–2021*).

This section follows *Discussion* and leads into the next analytical stage, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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