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Sample Abstract

Integrating Indigenous Philosophies for Sustainable Social Work Practices in Rising Asia

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Abstract

Rising Asia faces unique social, cultural, and environmental challenges that demand context-specific social work approaches. Conventional Western paradigms often fail to address the diverse needs of local communities, highlighting the necessity for decolonized and Indigenous knowledge systems. This study aims to explore how Indigenous philosophies—Ubuntu, Buen Vivir, and Guyup—can inform sustainable social work practices in Rising Asia. It seeks to demonstrate how these philosophies promote inclusivity, community resilience, and environmental sustainability. A qualitative research design was employed, involving 30 semi-structured interviews with social work practitioners and community leaders from Southeast Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Focus group discussions were conducted in Malaysia and Indonesia to gather community perspectives. Thematic analysis was used to identify key patterns and insights. The study revealed that Indigenous knowledge systems foster greater community participation, promote shared values of solidarity, and align with sustainability goals. Ubuntu emphasizes interconnectedness, Buen Vivir advocates harmonious living, and Guyup highlights collective responsibility. These principles enrich social work frameworks by addressing systemic inequalities and strengthening community engagement. The findings suggest that integrating Indigenous philosophies into social work practices enhances their effectiveness and cultural relevance.

This research provides a foundation for policy reform and curriculum development in Rising Asia and serves as a model for other regions seeking to decolonize social sciences.

Keywords: Buen Vivir, Decolonization, Indigenous Knowledge, Social Work, Ubuntu Philosophy.