

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Hybrid Peace Architecture: Integrating Traditional and International Mediation for Sustainable Conflict Resolution

Recommendation:

✓ Accept as it is
 Accept after minor revision.....
 Accept after major revision
 Do not accept (*Reasons below*).....

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality	✓			
Techn. Quality	✓			
Clarity	✓			
Significance	✓			

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Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

The document 'Hybrid Peace Architecture: Integrating Traditional and International Mediation for Sustainable Conflict Resolution' is unique topic.

Recommendation : Accept as it is.

Detailed Reviewer's Report

- 1. Originality** –Typically, conflict is depicted as a struggle for institutions, resources, or power, which ignores underlying moral and social ruptures and reduces complicated arguments to transactional terms. In order to address both relationship and structural dimensions of conflict, this study explores the integration of traditional and international mediation methodologies. The author shows how traditional mechanisms—like elders' councils, Gacaca courts, and community restorative initiatives—are successful in mending moral injury, reestablishing trust, and promoting social cohesion through a comparative case study of South Sudan,

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Rwanda, and Northern Ireland. International mediation, on the other hand, offers political power-sharing, institutional stability, and enforceable agreements.

2. **Structure and Clarity** –The manuscript is generally well-structured with sections such as Introduction, Results, and Conclusion. However, transitions between sections can be improved, and paragraph alignment should be checked for consistency.
3. **Strengths**–The analysis of HPA demonstrates that intentional integration of structural authority and relational legitimacy is necessary for long-term peace. Through dialogue, ritual, and restorative practices, traditional mediation systems played a crucial role in mending social and moral rifts in South Sudan, Rwanda, and Northern Ireland, fostering social cohesiveness, trust, and communal legitimacy. The structural basis for stabilizing political institutions, upholding agreements, and averting an impending escalation of violence was simultaneously provided by international mediation. Neither approach was enough; relational mending without formal authority lacks enforceability and protection against future conflict, while structural enforcement without relational legitimacy runs the risk of cosmetic compliance.
4. **Significance**–This study has demonstrated that conflict is a break in the social and moral fabric of society as well as a competition for resources, political positions, or institutional power. Common in Africa, Asia, and Indigenous civilizations, traditional mediation systems take a relational approach to conflict resolution, placing a strong focus on moral healing, community cohesion, and the restoration of trust. Modern international mediation, on the other hand, emphasizes structural settlement through formal agreements, frameworks for power sharing, and institutional enforcement. Although each system has unique characteristics, neither is adequate on its own to bring about lasting, authentic, and culturally rooted peace.