

- What are the political aspirations of Kenyan ethnic minorities?
- Are there any conditions under which a Kenyan ethnic minority may be morally justified to disregard the authority of the Kenyan state?
- Are there any conditions under which the Kenyan state may be morally justified to quash the aspirations of a Kenyan ethnic minority?
- To what extent could John Rawls' principles of liberty and difference serve as a basis for the constitutional protection of ethnic minorities in Kenya's emerging democracy?

This book employs the tools of philosophical reflection to examine a number of ethical issues that arise from the endeavours of ethnic minorities to get greater political space in the Kenyan polity, or even to exit the Kenyan state to form new states or to join other states that would better serve their interests. What is more, it contends that along with the individual rights exalted in a liberal democracy, Kenya's constitution must adequately recognise ethnic rights if the country is to effectively address the discontent that is rampant among members of numerous minority ethnic groups who feel perpetually marginalized in the country's economic, social and political life.

If you are new to Kenyan politics, read this book, and acquaint yourself with the intriguing and yet agonizing realities of a post-colonial cosmopolitan African society struggling to be at peace with itself. If you are a seasoned scholar of Kenyan politics, read this book and get an opportunity to reflect on the philosophical issues that are so often ignored by the empirical study of Kenyan politics.

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