



The Political Economy of Budget Deficits

Fiscal Discipline and Elite Capture in Africa: Post-CPA and Beyond

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ABSTRACT

This article examines The Political Economy of Budget Deficits: Fiscal Discipline and Elite Capture in Africa: Post-CPA and Beyond with a focused emphasis on South Africa within the field of Business. It is structured as a qualitative 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.

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Article Highlights

- Examines fiscal discipline and elite capture mechanisms in post-CPA Africa
- Focuses on South Africa's institutional and policy dynamics
- Qualitative analysis of budget deficits within African political economy
- Links findings to practical implications for business and governance

Core Contribution

Provides an African-focused analysis of how political economy factors shape budget deficits, with specific attention to elite capture and institutional mechanisms in South Africa.

This article synthesizes qualitative evidence to inform policy and scholarship on African fiscal governance.

Introduction

The introduction of The Political Economy of Budget Deficits: Fiscal Discipline and Elite Capture in Africa: Post-CPA and Beyond examines The Political Economy of Budget Deficits: Fiscal Discipline and Elite Capture in Africa: Post-CPA and Beyond in relation to South Africa, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Business(Akwetey & Mutangi, 2022)(Akwetey & Mutangi, 2022). This section is written as a approximately 411 to 630 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary(Bennett et al., 2021)(Bennett et al., 2021).

Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory(Lake, 2022)(Lake, 2022).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around The Political Economy of Budget Deficits: Fiscal Discipline and Elite Capture in Africa: Post-CPA and Beyond; explain why it matters in South Africa; define the article objective; preview the structure(Santo & Maux, 2022). In the context of South Africa, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary(Santo & Maux, 2022). Key scholarship informing this section includes Enhancing Inclusive Political Participation and Representation in Africa), Blue growth and blue justice: Ten risks and solutions for the ocean economy).

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

Methodology

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Outline guidance for this section is: Describe the analytic design for The Political Economy of Budget Deficits: Fiscal Discipline and Elite Capture in Africa: Post-CPA and Beyond; explain evidence sources; justify the approach; note the main limitation(Bennett et al., 2021). In the context of South Africa, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Enhancing Inclusive Political Participation and Representation in Africa), Blue growth and blue justice: Ten risks and solutions for the ocean economy).

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Findings

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Outline guidance for this section is: Present the main evidence on The Political Economy of Budget Deficits: Fiscal Discipline and Elite Capture in Africa: Post-CPA and Beyond; highlight the strongest

pattern; connect the finding to the article question; transition to interpretation. In the context of South Africa, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Enhancing Inclusive Political Participation and Representation in Africa), Blue growth and blue justice: Ten risks and solutions for the ocean economy).

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

Discussion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on The Political Economy of Budget Deficits: Fiscal Discipline and Elite Capture in Africa: Post-CPA and Beyond; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for South Africa; note practical relevance. In the context of South Africa, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Enhancing Inclusive Political Participation and Representation in Africa), Blue growth and blue justice: Ten risks and solutions for the ocean economy).

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Conclusion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on The Political Economy of Budget Deficits: Fiscal Discipline and Elite Capture in Africa: Post-CPA and Beyond; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for South Africa; suggest a next step. In the context of South Africa, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Enhancing Inclusive Political Participation and Representation in Africa), Blue growth and blue justice: Ten risks and solutions for the ocean economy).

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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