



The Political Economy of Budget Deficits

Fiscal Discipline and Elite Capture in Africa: Digital Transformation and Emerging Challenges

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ABSTRACT

This article examines The Political Economy of Budget Deficits: Fiscal Discipline and Elite Capture in Africa: Digital Transformation and Emerging Challenges with a focused emphasis on Gambia within the field of Business. It is structured as a working paper 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: *Budget Deficits Fiscal, Deficits Fiscal Discipline, Africa Digital Transformation, Political Economy, Budget Deficits, Deficits Fiscal*

Article Highlights

- Examines how digital tools reshape elite capture in African fiscal systems
- Focuses on Gambia as a case study of institutional adaptation
- Identifies emerging challenges at the intersection of technology and governance
- Proposes context-sensitive approaches to strengthen fiscal accountability

Core Argument

Digital transformation does not inherently curb elite capture in African budget deficits; instead, it creates new channels for fiscal manipulation that require updated institutional safeguards.

This analysis bridges political economy, digital governance, and African development studies.

Introduction

The introduction of The Political Economy of Budget Deficits: Fiscal Discipline and Elite Capture in Africa: Digital Transformation and Emerging Challenges examines The Political Economy of Budget Deficits: Fiscal Discipline and Elite Capture in Africa: Digital Transformation and Emerging Challenges in relation to Gambia, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Business ([Kickbusch et](#)

[al., 2021](#))([Kickbusch et al., 2021](#)). This section is written as a approximately 371 to 570 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary([Mora et al., 2021](#))([Mora et al., 2021](#)). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory([Sedlmeir et al., 2021](#))([Sedlmeir et al., 2021](#)).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around The Political Economy of Budget Deficits: Fiscal Discipline and Elite Capture in Africa: Digital Transformation and Emerging Challenges; explain why it matters in Gambia; define the article objective; preview the structure([Woldesemayat, 2021](#)). In the context of Gambia, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary([Woldesemayat, 2021](#)). Key scholarship informing this section includes The Lancet and Financial Times Commission on governing health futures 2021: growing up in a digital world), Blockchain technologies to address smart city and society challenges), Digital Identities and Verifiable Credentials).

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

Literature Review

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Outline guidance for this section is: Summarise the key debates on The Political Economy of Budget Deficits: Fiscal Discipline and Elite Capture in Africa: Digital Transformation and Emerging Challenges; compare main viewpoints; identify the gap; lead into the next section([Mora et al., 2021](#)). In the context of Gambia, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes The Lancet and Financial Times Commission on governing health futures 2021: growing up in a digital world), Blockchain technologies to address smart city and society challenges), Digital Identities and Verifiable Credentials).

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Methodology

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is written as a approximately 371 to 570 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses explain design, data, sampling, analytical strategy, and validity limits.

Outline guidance for this section is: Describe the analytic design for The Political Economy of Budget Deficits: Fiscal Discipline and Elite Capture in Africa: Digital Transformation and Emerging Challenges; explain evidence sources; justify the approach; note the main limitation. In the context of Gambia, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes The Lancet and Financial Times Commission on governing health futures 2021: growing up in a digital world), Blockchain technologies to address smart city and society challenges), Digital Identities and Verifiable Credentials).

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Results

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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: Digital Transformation and Emerging Challenges; highlight the strongest pattern; connect the finding to the article question; transition to interpretation. In the context of Gambia, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes The Lancet and Financial Times Commission on governing health futures 2021: growing up in a digital world), Blockchain technologies to address smart city and society challenges), Digital Identities and Verifiable Credentials).

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

Discussion

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Conclusion

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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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