



# Gender Dynamics in Power Transitions during African Political Shifts: A Comparative Perspective on Ethiopia

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## Abstract

The study explores gender dynamics in power transitions during African political shifts, focusing on Ethiopia as a case study within the broader field of African Studies. A comparative analysis approach was employed, involving a review of secondary sources including government documents, academic literature, and interviews with political activists. The study aimed at uncovering gender biases within electoral processes and governance structures. The findings highlight that women's participation in Ethiopian politics is significantly lower than men's, with only 16% of seats in the national parliament occupied by female members as of . This study underscores the importance of gender parity in political representation and suggests policies to enhance women's involvement in governance. Policy recommendations include increasing quotas for women's participation, enhancing training programmes for female candidates, and implementing mechanisms to monitor and report on gender disparities in politics.

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