



# Gender and Power Dynamics in African Political Transitions in Mauritius: A Qualitative Exploration

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## Abstract

Gender dynamics have been under-researched in African political transitions, particularly in contexts like Mauritius where gender equality initiatives are often highlighted. This study employed semi-structured interviews to gather insights from a diverse group of stakeholders including politicians, civil society representatives, and academic experts. Data analysis involved thematic coding for themes related to gender and power. Women in political leadership significantly influenced the direction of certain policies towards greater inclusivity and equality, with a notable increase in women's representation in decision-making bodies over recent years. The study underscores the importance of including gender perspectives in assessments of political transitions to ensure equitable outcomes. Policy makers should integrate gender-sensitive approaches into their strategies for more comprehensive governance reform. gender, power dynamics, political transition, Mauritius, women leaders

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