



# Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law in Ethiopian Transitions: A Legal Perspective

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## Abstract

Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law in Ethiopian Transitions: A Legal Perspective explores the legal framework and its impact on governance in Ethiopia. The study employs a doctrinal analysis of Ethiopian laws and case law, supplemented by comparative legal research to evaluate the effectiveness of constitutional safeguards in practice. A key finding is that while there are robust constitutional provisions, their implementation varies across different regions with significant disparities affecting judicial independence and human rights enforcement. The study concludes that while Ethiopia has made strides towards a constitutionally sound legal system, challenges persist in ensuring equitable application of laws. Recommendations include strengthening oversight mechanisms for the judiciary, enhancing public awareness on constitutional rights, and fostering inter-regional collaboration to address regional disparities.

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