



Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law in Mozambican Transitions,

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Abstract

Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law in African Transitions have been subjects of scholarly interest for decades. Mozambique's post-apartheid transition presents a unique case study, reflecting both challenges and achievements in these areas. The study employs an interpretative approach grounded in archival research and interviews conducted with key stakeholders including judges, lawyers, politicians, and civil society representatives. The data were analysed using thematic content analysis to identify common themes and patterns of constitutionalism and the rule of law development during this period. Key findings reveal a significant increase in judicial independence and accountability as governments implemented reforms to strengthen legal institutions, yet challenges persist with respect to compliance and enforcement of laws across various sectors. The study concludes that while Mozambique made progress towards constitutionalism and the rule of law, ongoing efforts are needed to address systemic issues hindering full implementation of these principles. Policy recommendations include enhancing judicial training programmes, fostering public awareness campaigns about legal rights and obligations, and improving intergovernmental coordination mechanisms for effective enforcement of laws.

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