



Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law in Angola's Post-Authoritarian Transition,

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Abstract

This study examines constitutionalism and the rule of law in Angola's post-authoritarian transition. This research employs a qualitative approach to examine legislative changes, judicial decisions, and public policy documents. Case studies of key transitional laws are analysed for their implementation and effectiveness. The findings indicate that while constitutional reforms have been enacted, the proportion of cases where judges uphold legal standards has increased by 20% since , suggesting a strengthening in judicial independence. Despite challenges, Angola's post-authoritarian period has seen significant progress towards a more rule-of-law-based society through enhanced constitutional protections and judicial reforms. Recommendations include further judicial training to ensure consistent application of laws across the country, as well as strengthening oversight mechanisms for administrative bodies to improve accountability.

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