



Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law in Comoros Transitions: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry

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Abstract

Comoros is an archipelagic nation in the Indian Ocean where constitutionalism and legal frameworks have been evolving amidst socio-economic challenges. A mixed-methods study combining qualitative interviews with quantitative data analysis from public sector officials and legal scholars to evaluate perceptions of constitutionalism and adherence to legal principles. In-depth interviews revealed significant concerns regarding the effectiveness of recent constitutional amendments, particularly in terms of enhancing judicial independence (85% of respondents reported perceived challenges). While reforms have been initiated, they are facing practical obstacles that undermine their intended impact on ensuring a robust Rule of Law. Further empirical research should be conducted to identify specific policy mechanisms addressing the identified issues and enhancing judicial independence in Comoros.

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