



Gender and Power Dynamics in South African Political Transitions: A Theoretical Framework

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Abstract

South Africa has experienced significant political transitions since gaining independence from apartheid in 1994, with gender playing a crucial role in these transformations. Theoretical analysis will be employed to review existing literature and theories related to gender, power, and politics in Africa, with an emphasis on South Africa's transition experiences. The theoretical framework highlights the need for more inclusive policies and practices to ensure gender parity in South African politics, drawing from historical precedents and current challenges. Recommendations include strengthening legislative measures that promote gender equality in political participation and leadership roles, as well as fostering a culture of inclusivity among political actors.

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