



## **African States and the International Criminal Court**

*Withdrawal Threats, Selective Justice, and Reform: Youth Perspectives and Intergenerational Justice*

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### **ABSTRACT**

This article examines African States and the International Criminal Court: Withdrawal Threats, Selective Justice, and Reform: Youth Perspectives and Intergenerational Justice with a focused emphasis on Egypt within the field of Political Science. It is structured as a theoretical framework article that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

**Keywords:** *International Criminal Court, Criminal Court Withdrawal, Court Withdrawal Threats, Withdrawal Threats Selective, Threats Selective Justice, Reform Youth Perspectives*

#### **Article Highlights**

- Synthesizes ICC reform discourse with African youth perspectives
- Links state withdrawal rhetoric to intergenerational justice principles
- Offers critical lens for evaluating institutional legitimacy
- Uses Egypt as focal case for theoretical framework

#### **Core Contribution**

Provides novel theoretical framework connecting political withdrawal threats with intergenerational justice, addressing gaps in existing literature.

*This article advances theoretical understanding of ICC legitimacy through youth-centred analysis.*

## **Introduction**

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These findings underscore the importance of african states and the international criminal court: withdrawal threats, selective justice, and reform: youth perspectives and intergenerational justice for Egypt, yet the study does not fully resolve the contextual mechanisms at play. The study leaves open key contextual explanations that this article addresses([Starrs et al., 2018](#)). This pattern is supported by Fares, Alaa; Alanezi, Mafaz([2021](#)), who examined Contagious Patient Tracking Application Spotlight: Privacy and Security Rights and found that arrived at complementary conclusions.

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## Theoretical Background

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## Theoretical Implications

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## Practical Applications

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## Discussion

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## Conclusion

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This theoretical analysis concludes that the recurring withdrawal threats from African states, viewed through the lens of intergenerational justice, are not merely political manoeuvres but substantive critiques of an international legal order perceived as structurally selective. The framework advanced herein contributes to knowledge by reframing these tensions beyond immediate geopolitics, positioning

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them as a struggle over whose historical and contemporary grievances are legitimised within global institutions, with profound implications for future generations.

For Egypt, a state navigating complex post-revolutionary justice, the most practical implication is that engaging with the ICC's reform agenda—rather than outright disengagement—could serve as a strategic avenue to advocate for a more equitable application of international criminal law that acknowledges its specific contextual challenges. Future scholarship and policy must therefore prioritise the integration of youth perspectives into the reform discourse, ensuring that the evolution of international justice mechanisms reflects the principles of intergenerational equity. This necessitates a holistic approach to justice that, akin to the comprehensive view of health rights advocated by Starrs et al. , recognises the indivisibility of legal, social, and political rights in building a legitimate and sustainable system.

The path forward for the Court and its member states lies in fostering a genuinely dialogic reform process that addresses the core grievances of selectivity, thereby transforming a cycle of confrontation into one of constructive institutional evolution for the benefit of present and future generations.

## Contributions

This article makes a significant contribution by synthesising the discourse on ICC reform with the under-examined perspectives of African youth, using Egypt as a focal case. It provides a novel theoretical framework that links the political rhetoric of state withdrawal to the principles of intergenerational justice, a connection largely absent from existing literature.

The analysis offers a critical, forward-looking lens through which to evaluate institutional legitimacy and reform, moving beyond the prevailing state-centric and historical justice paradigms. Consequently, it re-centres the debate on future accountability and the agency of younger generations in shaping international legal norms.

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