



# Gendered Power Dynamics in African Political Transitions: A Tanzanian Case Study

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## Abstract

Gendered power dynamics in African political transitions are complex phenomena that have received limited scholarly attention despite their significant impact on governance and development outcomes. This qualitative study employs semi-structured interviews and document analysis to examine the role of women in Tanzanian politics from to . The sample includes high-level government officials, political party leaders, and gender activists. Findings suggest that while there is a growing number of female politicians, they are underrepresented in key decision-making roles compared to their male counterparts, indicating persistent barriers to women's participation and influence in politics. The study concludes that although the political landscape has seen some progress towards gender equality, significant challenges remain in terms of policy implementation and institutional change. Recommendations include strengthening legislative frameworks aimed at promoting female representation and leadership, as well as enhancing accountability mechanisms to ensure women's rights are upheld.

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