



# Gender and Power Dynamics in African Political Transitions: A Theoretical Framework for Guinea-Bissau's Context

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## Abstract

Gender dynamics play a significant role in shaping political transitions across Africa, particularly in contexts characterized by historical and contemporary power imbalances. Theoretical synthesis and qualitative analysis of existing literature in African studies and gender politics. The theoretical framework underscores the necessity for inclusive policies that address gendered power imbalances to ensure equitable political transitions. Policymakers should integrate intersectional approaches into their strategies, emphasising the need for gender-sensitive governance and leadership development programmes.

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