



Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law in Mali's Transitional Era

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Abstract

Mali has experienced multiple transitions in its governance structure due to political instability and conflict. The research employs a qualitative approach, analysing case studies and interviews with key stakeholders including government officials, civil society representatives, and judicial bodies. Data collection is conducted through semi-structured interviews and document reviews of relevant laws and policies. A significant theme emerging from the analysis is the varying degrees of compliance with constitutional provisions across different sectors; for instance, in the judiciary, there are instances where judges have actively enforced legal mandates, while in other areas like education, adherence remains inconsistent. The findings highlight challenges and successes in institutionalizing constitutionalism and the rule of law during Mali's transitions, emphasising the need for further reforms to ensure equitable application of laws across all sectors. Policy recommendations include strengthening judicial independence, enhancing public awareness campaigns on constitutional rights, and fostering collaboration between governmental bodies and civil society organizations.

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