



Gender and Power Dynamics in Kenyan Political Transitions,

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Abstract

This article examines gender dynamics in political transitions within Kenya, focusing on the period from to . Qualitative research methods were employed for this study, including interviews with policymakers, focus group discussions with civil society organizations, and document analysis of election results and political discourse. Data was analysed using thematic coding to identify patterns and themes related to gender and power dynamics. The findings indicate a significant underrepresentation of women in high-ranking governmental positions during the studied period, with only 25% of cabinet ministers being female. This disparity is particularly notable in sectors traditionally dominated by men such as defence and infrastructure. This study concludes that while there have been some improvements in gender representation at lower levels of government, systemic barriers persist, hindering full participation of women in political leadership roles. Recommendations include the implementation of quota systems to increase female representation in governance bodies, enhanced training programmes for female leaders, and the development of mentorship initiatives aimed at supporting women's advancement within political structures.

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