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Title:

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Abstract:

Corruption has long been recognized as a significant obstacle to good governance, the protection of human rights, and sustainable development in Africa. While the literature on anti-corruption has flourished in recent decades, there remains a critical gap in understanding the gendered nature and impact of corruption in the African context. This article aims to address this gap by examining the intersectionality of gender and corruption in Africa. It explores the extent to which corruption affects women and men differently, taking into account the social, economic, and political factors that shape these disparities. The article highlights that despite the region's commitment to combating corruption, as demonstrated by the African Union's adoption of the African Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption (AUCPCC) in 2003, there is limited attention paid to the gender dimensions of corruption in policy and institutional frameworks. By examining the existing anti-corruption laws and institutions in African countries and considering the regional context of conflicts and the peacebuilding process, the article analyzes the effectiveness of current paradigms in addressing the gendered aspects of corruption. Moreover, it explores the specific forms of corruption that disproportionately affect women and examines the consequences for gender equality, socio-economic development, and political stability in the region.

Keywords:

Corruption; Gender; Africa; Intersectionality; Good Governance

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Qinyi Liu holds a master degree from SciencesPo Paris with specializations in human rights and international law. With expertise in international law, human rights, international relations, and public policy, Qinyi has published several articles and blogs in these fields, for example, [Research on the Investment Disputes Settlement Mechanism of Shanghai Free Trade Zone](#), [Challenges of "User Participation" in Digital Economy to International Taxation and Legal Responses](#), [Bringing Business Integrity to Global Markets with Impact](#), etc. Qinyi currently serves as a trainee at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), where she is part of the Justice team and focuses on promoting judicial integrity and justice to victims of gender-based violence through a behavioral insights approach. Previously, Qinyi worked on anti-corruption efforts at IBLF Global, a London-based NGO.