

## ***African Social Science Review***

### **Special Issue on “Resurgence of Military Coups in Africa, 1990-2025”**

The dawn of the “third wave of democratization” in Africa was greeted with exuberance across the African Continent; the emergent phenomenon was dubbed variously as “Africa’s second liberation,” “Africa’s second independence,” and “Africa’s renaissance.” The state of excitement was predicated on the hope that the “third wave of democratization” would set into motion the collapse of authoritarian rule and addressing the vexatious problem of human insecurity. In addition, embedded in the hope of the dividends of the “third wave” was the belief that military coups, which have characteristically been a mainstay of the African Continent’s political landscape would be consigned to the dust basket of history. Unfortunately, the “third wave of democratization” has not produced the desired political and socio-economic results. Consequently, the “men and women dressed in mufti” have returned, and staged successful coups in various African countries. Against this backdrop, the *African Social Science Review* (ASSR) invites submissions for its special issue on “Resurgence of Military Coups in Africa, 1990-2025.” Papers addressing the following thematic issues or case studies below are highly welcome:

#### **Thematic Issues**

Civil-military relations  
 Politicization of the military  
 Democratization  
 Governance--Authoritarianism, competitive authoritarianism, centralization  
 The State  
 Public institutions--Legislature, executive, judiciary, public bureaucracy  
 Poverty  
 Unemployment  
 Income and wealth inequality  
 Youth bulge  
 State of education  
 State of healthcare  
 Food insecurity  
 Housing crisis  
 African Union's anti-coup regime  
 Economic Community of West African States' anti-coup regime

#### **Case Studies: Successful Military Coups, 1990-present**

Burkina Faso  
 Burundi  
 Central African Republic  
 Chad  
 Comoros  
 Congo

Cote d' Ivoire  
 Egypt  
 Gabon  
 Guinea  
 Guinea Bissau  
 Madagascar  
 Mauritania  
 Mali  
 Niger  
 Nigeria  
 Sierra Leone  
 Sudan  
 Zimbabwe

### **About the Journal**

The *African Social Science Review* (ASSR) is a scholarly journal that publishes articles from all disciplines of social science, particularly on the social, economic, political, and policy problems and issues of the African continent and the Diaspora, as well as empirical and theoretical articles and book reviews of recent titles of relevant interest.

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We invite interested authors to submit abstracts of no more than 250 words double-spaced for this special issue by February 27, 2026. The abstracts should have the names and affiliations of the contributors, as well as the title of the paper, and the research questions or problems that their papers seek to address. All abstracts and full papers (completed according to the *American Psychological Association: The official guide to APA style*, 7<sup>th</sup> edition) should be submitted to George Kieh, Jr., PhD, at [George.kieh@tsu.edu](mailto:George.kieh@tsu.edu). The deadline for submissions of completed papers is May 29, 2026. All manuscripts will be peer-reviewed and accepted papers will be published in the *African Social Science Review*, Volume 14, Numbers 1 and 2, 2026. To expedite action on the review process, authors or corresponding author will be expected to create a profile and submit their completed manuscripts via the journal online portal at <https://digitalscholarship.tsu.edu/assr/>.