

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*, 7th edition) should be submitted to George Kieh, Jr., PhD, at 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/>.