

Public policy transformations in Africa

The African continent hitherto portrayed as being in a catastrophic situation has experienced tremendous transformations over the last five decades. At the beginning of the second decade of the new millennium, its role in the contemporary world, characterized majorly by; Political and economic liberalization, state – Society relations as well as accelerated processes of globalization is changing. Whereas her plight and prospects seem bleaker at one of the most precarious periods in her post – colonial era, her endowment with the capacities to navigate the changes come in handy. Her youthful population, a growing middle class, improvements in governance, massive urbanization and possession of some of the most abundant natural resources, most of which are yet to be tapped are some of the factors attributable to her impending breakthrough. Indisputably, for her to experience the rebirth, the continent must of necessity address the issues that have unnecessarily constrained her progress by producing political and economic systems in which development can flourish. The contributors in this book examine how actors in the contemporary African states have dealt with the multiple challenges they are facing in mobilizing and transforming their institutional capacities.

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