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“An Institutional Approach to Understanding the Development of CSO Regulatory Regimes: An Historical Analysis of the East African Community”



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CSO regulatory regimes are the law-based, political institutions that regulate civil society. Most research on these institutions treats them as innovative tools of judicial repression that governments use to weaken civil society and stay in power. However, our broader theory suggests these laws can either help or hinder civil society, depending on their content. This working paper uses directed dyad-year event history analysis to study the changing composition of the rules that comprise CSO regulatory regimes in East Africa from 1963 to 2017. Its primary focus compares the domestic, international, and historical sources of policy change. The paper tests institutional and diffusion hypotheses using primary data of 177 laws from 14 countries coded using a 58-part coding protocol (inclusion of France, UK, and the USA will expand the data to 17). These findings further our understanding of CSO regulatory regimes and argue that these legal frameworks are political institutions with many dimensions and long histories.



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