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"The End of Liberal History in Africa? Thoughts on the Demise of a Democratic Dream and the (Re)rise of Authoritarianism"

with

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In the immediate aftermath of the Cold War and the socio-economic strife of neo-liberal policies in Africa many actors and analysts thought the time was right for 'democracy-lite' to take root in Africa: a comprehensive and enthusiastic experiment ensued. This paper will argue that after twenty-five years of this project's uneven development it is time to reconsider the proposition's premises and prospects – and to contemplate seriously a longer moment of authoritarianism with a new level of contradictions.

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