

## CHAPTER 2

### AFRICAN STUDIES

#### Doctoral Thesis

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**Democratisation in Africa : A Comparative Study of  
Tanzania and Nigeria.**  
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#### *Abstract*

Nigeria and Tanzania differ with each other in terms of geography, culture and historical background. But irrespective of these difference, there are some common trends in the politics of both the countries. Due to lack of discipline and intra-party rivalaries, the opposition parties have failed to play the role of formidable opposition. Democratisation process in the two countries began more due to pressure from Western countries and internal monetary institutions. The governments of the two countries have been slow in addressing, fundamental issues affecting the citizens, such as, poverty alleviation, resource distribution, infrastructure development and security. The challenge now is to advance democracy in a way that is dynamic and sustainable. The mere existence of a multitude of parties is, however, not a guarantee of democracy. The democratisation process must move beyond elections and address such issues as civil liberties, human rights, human dignity, the rule of law and good governance. Nigeria's and Tanzania's political transition has to be well handled if it is not to become unmanageable.

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