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**TITLE: THE LEGACY OF SOUTH AFRICA'S BANTUSTANS POST-APARTHEID**

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### **ABSTRACT:**

The historical significance of South Africa's former bantustans or 'homelands' in shaping the nature of the post-apartheid state and society has been largely underestimated. But after the 1994 electoral victory – and during the earlier negotiations period – the African National Congress and its allies were faced with the reality of having to reincorporate and accommodate the former bantustans, along with the bureaucratic machineries they produced, within the new democratic state. This paper examines the making and character of the public service in what was the Bophuthatswana bantustan and traces the cultural, economic and ideological impact of the bantustan era post-apartheid, especially with regards to processes of class formation, consumption and acquisition practices and democratic transformation.

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