

Review of: "Contentious Biometric Voters Registration and Democratic Politics under COVID-19: The Myth of 'Social Distance' in an African State?"

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Dear Editors, thank you for the opportunity of reading and discussing this excellent paper. The experience of COVID-19 has highlighted the strategic role of administrations, in all areas of service, in directing and coordinating actions to contain the pandemic. Hence, the paradox highlighted by the paper. In front of an induced fast-changing institutional environment, we are learning important lessons for enforcing social distance and tracking positive cases. One of the major challenges we need to tackle is determining the levels of societal readiness and the levels of integration in society of new technologies, products, and services. COVID-19 has shown the need of social and cultural innovation policies that make communities ready to respond to catastrophic events through access to data, communities of practice, co-creation, reflection, and inclusion.