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A strong economy stands central to the well-being of a country and its ability to exercise its sovereignty. Africa is the continent with the world's highest poverty level due to not only a lack of material resources but also an unequal distribution and sharing of available resources among the population. Against this background, the question arises whether constitutions and constitutionalism can enhance economic growth.

To contribute to this discourse, the KAS Rule of Law Program for Sub-Saharan Africa in collaboration with the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS) and the Institute of International and Comparative Law in Africa (ICLA) in partnership with the South African Research Chair in Multilevel Government, Law and Policy (SARCHI) at the Dullah Omar Institute, University of the Western Cape organized the Seventh Stellenbosch Annual Seminar on Constitutionalism in Africa (SASCA 2019) on Constitutionalism and the Economy. The seminar brought together legal scholars and legal practitioners from Africa as well as international scholars who have researched and published on various related issues. They shared insights on the relationship between constitutions, the principle of democracy, the rule of law and the economy.

Topics of the presentations and discussions focused on sub-Saharan Africa's economic performance structure, on constitutional protections of the economy with case studies of, *inter alia*, Namibia, Zambia, Kenya, Sudan and South Sudan and on whether African constitutions provide for effective frameworks, principles and measures to advance economic growth.

All the papers presented during the seminar will be peer-reviewed for publication in the sixth volume of the Stellenbosch Handbooks in African Constitutional Law, series, to be published by Oxford University Press.

The seminar was graced and enriched by a keynote address given by Trevor Manuel and concluded by a panel discussion on „State capture: The private sector, the constitution and constitutionalism“ in which the participants critically elaborated on the definition of state capture, its enablers and effects on the economy and society with the example of the history of South Africa.

