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## **A Critical Assessment of the Issue of a Macro-paradigmatic Influence in Comparative Political Analysis**

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**ABSTRACT** This paper assesses the usefulness of the macro-paradigmatic orientation in comparative political analysis. Accordingly, it synthesises the contributions of some of the leading scholars in this enterprise. In the process, it was argued that, at the macro-level, paradigms tend to generate opposition or promote ideological debate. This notwithstanding the areas in which, a paradigm of comparative analysis do exist, was identified with analytical precision.