



Ethical Frontiers in Egyptian Archaeology and Repatriation Practices: An African Perspective

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Abstract

Egyptian archaeology has long been associated with significant contributions to global knowledge of ancient cultures and civilizations. The research employs a comparative analysis approach, drawing insights from historical records and contemporary debates surrounding Egypt's archaeology policies. A notable theme emerging from our examination is the disparity between the perceived benefits to Egyptian heritage institutions and the actual impact on local communities. There is an urgent need for more inclusive decision-making processes that prioritise community engagement in repatriation decisions, especially concerning ancestral artifacts. Adopting a more collaborative framework involving stakeholders from various sectors can foster mutual understanding and respect for cultural heritage.

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