



# The Ethics of Archaeological Excavations and Repatriation in Egypt: An African Perspective on

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## Abstract

The study examines the ethical dimensions of archaeological excavations and repatriation practices in Egypt, focusing on a specific period. Qualitative research methods including interviews with stakeholders, archival analysis, and participant observation were employed to understand the complexities of archaeological practices and their ethical implications. The findings highlight a significant proportion (85%) of respondents expressing concern over the lack of consultation with local communities during excavations, indicating that engagement is crucial for ethical practice. There is an emerging need to incorporate community involvement into standard archaeological protocols in Egypt to address ongoing ethical concerns. Archaeological organizations should establish clear guidelines for community engagement and provide training for researchers on cultural heritage management.

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