



Ethics on the Horizon: An Archaeological Ethnography in Egypt

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Abstract

Archaeological excavations in Egypt have long been a source of both cultural heritage preservation and commercial profit. However, recent debates on repatriation have highlighted the need for ethical considerations in these practices. The research employs an interdisciplinary approach combining qualitative interviews with community leaders, anthropologists, and legal experts. Data collection methods include semi-structured interviews and focus groups. Findings indicate a significant shift towards more inclusive decision-making processes involving local communities in the selection of excavation sites and repatriation plans. The study reveals that while ethical frameworks are being established, practical implementation remains challenging due to economic pressures and bureaucratic inefficiencies. Recommendations include fostering stronger collaboration between archaeological institutions and local communities, and advocating for legislative reforms that prioritise community involvement in decision-making processes. archaeology, repatriation, ethics, Egypt

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