



Ethical Dilemmas in Egyptian Archaeological Excavations and Repatriation Practices: An African Perspective

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Abstract

Egyptian archaeological excavations have long been a subject of ethical debate, particularly concerning repatriation practices. No empirical research was conducted as this is a policy brief focusing on theoretical and conceptual analysis of existing practices and policies. The findings indicate that there is a significant gap between the actual implementation of international ethical guidelines and their perceived adherence by Egyptian authorities in repatriation decisions. Despite efforts to align with global ethical standards, challenges persist in ensuring equitable treatment for archaeological artifacts, particularly those from African origins. Recommendations include strengthening local participation in decision-making processes related to artifact repatriation and increasing transparency in the allocation of funds used for such activities.

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