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Abstract:

We will first discuss the background surrounding women's inheritance rights (interpretations of Islamic law, history of women's rights, and developments in Egyptian family law). We will then explore the issues of current inheritance law and related family law, social practice (especially differences between women's inheritance rights in rural and urban areas of Egypt), and comparison with other Islamic countries. Our conclusion is that because it is believed that Quran cannot be changed, changes have to come through interpretations of Islamic law and other areas of law, such as divorce law.