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Gender Power Relations in Family Law Sudan and Somalia: A Comparative Approach Amidst Conflict

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In countries where Islamic law or *sharī'a* is part of a plural legal system, women experience significant impacts mostly on the private sphere through historical interpretations of the concepts of *qiwamah* and *wilayah* embedded in family law. In Sudan and Somalia, activists from different currents work hard to revert this discriminatory trend, yet advancements differ partly due to different sociopolitical contexts. We will address the similarities and differences of central issues linked to marriage and divorce. Furthermore, we will explore the possibility to use war as an opportunity to catalyze novel and consequential alliances in this fight for gender equality.

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