

## **Female position on the right of Inheritance A comparative overview between the Canon of Lekë Dukagjini and the Canon of Labëria**

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### **Abstract**

Albanian women today, apart from legal equality to men, which is guaranteed to them by laws and bylaws, strive to achieve gender equality in every sphere of life. But how has the position of women throughout centuries in Albania been inheritance-wise? What have the unwritten but applied laws by Albanians foreseen in years? The focus of this material is going to be zoomed in the Canon of Leke Dukagjini as the largest compilation of customary laws in Albania. Then, it is going to be analyzed through a comparative lens with the Canon of Labëria (Northern Albania).

By viewing at only one article it is understood how the Canon of LekwDukagjini treats the inheritance of women. Node 20 titled "The Inheritance of the Albanian Woman" foresees that:

*"The Albanian woman has no right to inherit from their parents, neither outfits, nor property. The Canon sees woman as merely an extra object at home. The parents do not have to worry for a dowry or anything else for their daughter; whoever takes her needs to take care of everything. The parents of the boy who marries the girl needs to think of everything that is needed for her marriage."*<sup>1</sup>

The analysis of this logic is going to be thoroughly explained in the rest of this material.

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