

A review of influential socio-cultural factors on the quality of townscape & urban architecture

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Abstract:

The overall appearance of cities is an important part of the design of urban environments. Urban appearance is influenced by a variety of socio-cultural factors, and changes with the passage of time. By considering the importance of the socio-cultural factors of tradition and conformity, values and norms, and social process as the elements of integration and synchronization, the present article investigates urban appearance from the point of view of a number of theorists. Examples of national and foreign cases have also been examined. The findings demonstrate the deeply-rooted relationship between socio-cultural developments and their influence on urban appearance. At the same time, the inadequate attention given by architecture to the urban context as well as the relationships between buildings leads to a confused appearance which could be prevented through artistic creativity by architects.

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