The impact of political mobility and social needs on historical Cairo's urban aesthetics

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Abstract :

Since the middle of twenty's century, political changes had directly affected the structure of Egyptian society, and as a result, social needs had varied without any control to the extent that many aesthetics that created the beauty of historical Cairo and was considered as a source of inspiration and cultural creation, had disappeared.

This loose that affected the Egyptian society was considered as a main and direct reason of infecting its manners, buildings and arts. And as a result, a state of society's and artistic mess had spread. The application of all kinds of reservation policies is essential to save the treasures of historical Cairo specifically Islamic heritage and architecture.

As Architecture is a direct interaction between man and his environment and it is directly proportional to his civilization and cultural level, it has been` affected by the state policy as well and its development philosophy in the formulation of the form of urbanism.

The problem of the research is the absence and the urban policy floundering that responds to the illness of the societal taste demands. It never takes the initiative to increase cultural awareness in society.

The research aims to accurate description of the old and complicated problems which affects social and political mobility and to measure the extent of its responsibility towards society's taste.

The research supposes that ignoring social and political studies reduces the chances to achieve sustainable and radical solution to the urban deterioration, and it also supposes that society's culture, morals and aesthetics could collapse in a short period of time, while rebuilding needs much more time and effort. It also monitors how much Egypt suffers from confusing and turbulent changes in policies, which affects people's behavior and attitude in old cities

The research focuses on historical Cairo, as a study limit in the second half of twenty's century.

Key words : historical Cairo / political changes / social mobility /urban deterioration

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