

the spatial role of Bazaar in Iranian Urban Structure using space syntax)

case study: Tehran, Kerman Esfahan

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Abstract:

The city has come about as a living entity through historical periods and has interacted with many other entities with the passage of time. In order to investigate these interactions and the reciprocal relationships between the city and other things it would be necessary to look at the city as a dynamic system. Systems are composed of their constituting elements, the relationships between these, hierarchies, and rules. Being a rather complicated system, it would not be necessary to examine every component of the city at the outset. A major aspect of the city that constitutes an important part of the urban system is its primary structure, something that must be taken into account at the early stages of identifying the city. The bazaar is one of the distinctive features of the structure of those Iranian cities that possess a degree of identity. The bazaar is considered to be the most significant social and spatial substructure of the city. Considering the theory of systems, where each system is composed of subsystems, in relation to cities, the internal order of the city subsystems would be related to its own order and at the same time be subject to their own rules and workings. In this research the place and the role of the bazaar within the structure of the cities of Tehran, Tabriz, Isfahan and Kerman has been dealt with. To this end the relationship between the bazaar and urban systems has been examined in terms of time. For an analysis of the spatial role of the bazaar and its developments in the context of the structure of these cities, the method of spatial installation has been utilized because of the complexity of the nature of the city and the bazaar as well as the reciprocal relationships between them, whereby models and simulations of urban spaces are constructed. This helps the researcher significantly in the process of decision-making, design and planning of urban spaces. The results of the research demonstrate that the role of the bazaar in relation to the structure of cities has on the whole dwindled over time.

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