

Call for Papers

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Special issue: City, Community, and Heritage in Egypt: 2011- 2021

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Introduction to Main Theme

Revolutions in the history of nations are turning points that invoke the outset of a new stage different from the former one. Accordingly, each nation takes transitional steps with various tumultuous processes and outcomes towards a ‘better’ visionary future. With the outbreak of the Egyptian revolution in 2011, Egypt experienced a socio-political paradigm shift that in turn generated new national and local outlooks, invigorating a sense of belonging. Since then, the country has experienced a fluctuating series of discursive trajectories that in turn affected its urban scene. This is exemplified in consecutive Egyptian administrations adapting to a variety of urban changes, issuing new laws, and implementing new projects in existing as well as new cities. The general urban scene has not only been influenced physically but has also changed existing socio-economic community patterns. Consequently, the perspective towards the urban fabric has been dramatically changed. Within all these changes, the Egyptian heritage in particular, has been standing to meet a variety of transformative challenges, *inter alia*, neglect, speculation, demolition, and the malpractice of conservation, the latter expressed in ‘development and beautification projects’.

Objectives for this journal issue

Ten years since the 2011 revolution and the proliferating social and political changes, it is time to look back to articulate and review the implications of these transformations on Egypt’s urban environment, which will be the objective of this issue. This issue is an attempt to comprehend these influences based on triangulated linkages between the city and community in relation to heritage aspects.

This can take place via:

- Monitoring and analysing the process of the various urban changes that happened in the past ten years.
- Analysing new urban and/ or social patterns that have evolved.
- Evaluating different urban phenomena that occurred during the past ten years.
- Anticipating future implications of current urban transformations with regard to urban heritage.
- Obtaining a set of recommendations that help in developing urban visions.

Geographical Scope and Topics

The geographical scope of this issue is Egypt. Authors are welcome to submit their articles in English or German languages that should not exceed 22,000 characters. Figures and photographs must be included in b/w within the Word file, and must also be sent in high resolution format (300dpi) as separate files in jpg, tiff or another graphical format.

No publication fees are required. The call is only open for original, un-published materials. Articles should cover self-attributed research results in the fields of urban planning, architecture, socio-economic, and socio-cultural development in relation to the built environment.

Topics:

City:

- Mega urban development projects and heritage
- Governing Cities – Governing Heritage
- Informalities within historical districts

Community (and Heritage):

- Community participation
- Development schemes and community's perception
- Public spaces and community's sense of belonging
- Relocation projects and its socio-cultural implications
- Socio-cultural challenges and patterns

Heritage:

- Heritage & housing challenges
- Heritage and cultural mapping
- Heritage management
- Heritage tourism
- Maximising the benefit of heritage assets

Important Dates:

- Deadline for submission of abstracts: 01 November 2020
- Feedback from the editorial committee: 15 November 2020
- Deadline for submission of articles: 15 January 2021
- Expected date of publication: 30 October 2021

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