



Evaluation and analyze the different meanings of home in two patterns of apartment and Independent courtyard house (Case study: Shiraz city)

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Abstract

Home is not just a place to live but also the home of each person's body is his identity So that each person shows what he is or what he likes to be in his home. So, the home has a meaning beyond the shelter. This place has a different meaning for different people and understanding this meaning could be laying the groundwork for creating a desirable place to live.

There are so many researches on the desirability of home space and factors which made this desirability. It seems that the home's desirability is dependent on its inhabitant's satisfaction. So, the meaning that people percept of their living environment affects the satisfaction or non-satisfaction of the home environment. Therefore, it seems that understanding the different meanings that people perceive of their home environment, can be achieved an optimal mental picture of the desired house.

This study sought to examine the different meanings that different people percept from their living environment. So, two common settlement patterns in contemporary housing including apartments and independent pattern courtyard were chosen as a case study and try to extract the different meanings in which its occupant perceives from them. The extraction of semantic differentiation in the settlement patterns can sometimes be the development of the quality of people's lives. In this study, thirteen meant for home is explained as the theoretical framework of the study that was extracted from the house meanings literature review, the elite and internal survey. In the next stage, the possibility of this meaning was measured for apartment and independent pattern courtyard settlements. The study population was 338 people from settlements of the apartment and independent pattern courtyard who were lived in a different district. The data collection tool was a closed questionnaire and in-depth interviews with people. Data analyses in the quantity section were based on K-2 test and logistic regression and in the qualities, the section was based on the content analyses method. The results showed that the change in the people's lifestyle and separation between people's workplace and their homemade home a place for relaxing from the bustle of urban life. Also, part of the meaning of houses is made by the social interactions between people and their families. So, this kind of meaning which is created due to social interaction between its occupants is created in two kinds of homes in the same quantity. However, the meaning such as "Freedom", "Belonging and rootedness", "Difference", "Continuity", and "Identity" is more evident in the independent pattern courtyard house. It seems that this is because of the different affordance which this type has than apartment patterns. Some of these affordances are independent courtyard, Ivan, the possibility of growing vegetation, more area level, more specific areas, a large reception hall, and such these. However, in apartment-style, because of affordances such as having a controllable entrance, dwelling in height, the presence of nearby neighbors, and such these lead to creating Security sense for its occupants.

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