

research strategy in urban design, case studies in iran

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Abstract:

Urban design as a relatively new profession within the family of design, from one hand attempts to clarify its position in the theoretical realm, and on the other to establish itself as a unique profession. Although it's legal status within the urban development plans is far from being clear, yet in order to establish a suitable status, it is necessary to formulate the experiences from the point of view of theory and strategy. Having this in mind, this article will first consider the theoretical domains of this profession. Therefore, it will briefly present some related researches to urban design, including its contents, norms, plans and the actualization processes. The research strategies for urban design includes literature review, phenomenology and positivism. The final recommendation in this regard is the combination of three strategies. This article shall mainly deal with historical narrative pictorial, topologic-morphologic, and behavioral-environmental research domains.

In every domain the practical experiences of the researcher is presented. Finally, this article recommends that all those methods and domains should be considered and taught in the universities.

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