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From the Editor



The globalization of architectural styles, building technologies and urban space has dramatically impacted city design in the developing world. These inexorable pressures produce many negative outcomes. Built environments which are culturally rooted, locally produced, and technologically adapted in time and space are being rapidly eroded. Their potential responsiveness to the needs of a changing social and functional world is largely ignored.

On the other hand, these pressures are commodifying the place-identity of historic urban spaces and places, at once detaching them from their continuity with locality, space and time, whilst at the same time re-presenting them as uniquely preserved 'authentic' artifacts for global cultural consumption. These outcomes question the sustainability of new patterns and processes of urban design and the production of local space.

This issue primarily deals with the few of the above raised queries about city designs, its heritage and conservation and sustainable approaches.

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