

A Comparative Study of Immortality in Architecture based on Western and Eastern Thought and Examining their Examples

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Abstract

This article is the result of targeted research, in order to investigate the meaning of the concept of immortality in Iranian architecture in the contemporary period and compare it with the concept of sustainability and sustainable architecture as well as permanence in Western architecture in the contemporary era. It seems that definition and research have been done regarding the causes and factors of immortality in the architecture of Iran and the world. What is done is more descriptive and about the buildings of different architectural periods. Due to the closeness of the meaning of these two words, a clear demarcation has not been taken into consideration between the word "durability" and "sustainability". Therefore the purpose of this research is to express the basic difference between the two concepts of immortality and sustainability in architecture, as well as the characteristics, factors, and principles of the foundation of eternal architecture in Western and Eastern thought. In this article, after expressing the meaning of the durability and sustainability and their lexical comparison, the expert's views on the mystery of durability and sustainability concepts have been discussed. Tabriz Bazaar, Azadi Square, Eiffel Tower, Pisa Tower, and Colosseum have been investigated as the examples. In fact, this research is based on the identification and selection of the outstanding and immortal buildings of different eastern and western architecture. The present research has used the method of logical reasoning to investigate the nature of the issue. The results of this research show that living and spiritual architecture is considered as a factor of durability and immortality of today's architecture. It has also been determined that the fundamental difference between eternal and stable architecture is the existence of the elements of meaning and spirituality.

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