

Title of Article: Resilience to change in a Traditional City: The Socio-cultural Impediments

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Abstract: Beyond research revealing that domestic spaces in houses have transformed over the years across the residential zones in Benin, Nigeria, whilst others has remained adaptive and continued. An observed continuity of spaces segment and activities sections like cooking and eating, storage of household goods, visitors and conveniences have made the Benin traditional architecture resilient to transformation, in the contemporary domestic architecture in Benin, though the location and size of these activities space has changed, but the architecture itself has stayed resilient and adaptive in some part of the city. The study seeks to examine the resilience to transformation in domestic architecture across the cross section of Benin City, thereby identifying the social impediments, cultural necessities and climatic anomalies as it affects the domestic architecture in traditional City of Benin. The study applied qualitative and quantitative approaches, which includes the use of interview schedules, questionnaire, and factor analysis. In the end, the subject of resilience to change in Benin domestic architecture could be a case study for transformation in any ancient city in Africa and other informal settlement across developing countries.

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