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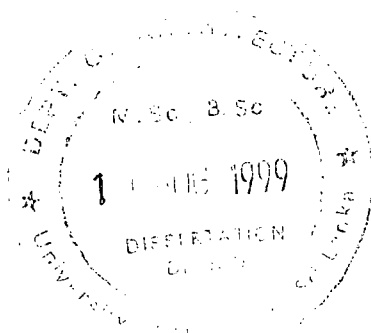
## Abstract

Transitional spaces existing between neighbourhood units are essential facets of communal existence that have, in the past, unknowingly contributed towards creating the indispensable spatial links in the environment. These links then accomplished the integration of the smaller neighbourhood units in to a larger whole through the cues implied, to enable greater awareness and deeper understanding of one another's cultural mindset. Consequently such an understanding allowed them to exist peacefully, free of conflicts. In the contemporary scene, however, the inter-neighbourhood transitional spaces have become a mere function of motion, an ordeal, instead of a wonderful spatial experience. Their potentials have been severely undetermined. Their neglect in due course has succeeded in alienating the urban dweller from his neighbourhood, forcing him to become a stranger in his own landscape. The study is then an attempt to reveal the importance of the inter-neighbourhood transitional space within the main realms of objective space, which is described as a changing dimension. It is further perceived as a centre, an enclosure and a continuation that would serve to enhance the placemaking process. Many a social complication has surfaced because of the negligence and failure to recognise the importance of this link as an asset to modern urban living spaces. The necessities for an urban context in which the marvellously inventive solutions are viable therefore still await acceptance.

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# INTER-NEIGHBOURHOOD TRANSITIONAL SPACE

AN EXAMINATION OF ITS INCIDENT IN PLACEMAKING WITH  
SPECIAL REFERENCE TO TRANSITIONAL SPACES BETWEEN  
'NEIGHBOURHOOD UNITS'



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