

EDITORIAL

This issue of the ISVS e-journal is supporting the researchers who are getting ready for the next ISVS-12 to be held in Thailand in November 2024. While doing so, it consolidates its position despite its current status.

In this issue, the papers numerously examine the built-environmental issues in Indonesia, Russia, Jordan, Vietnam and Kazakhstan among others. They all deal with numerous aspects of the built-environments and demonstrate that the issues of our surroundings are complex and need to be examined through multiple lenses. Issues are numerous and range from the vernacular as well as the issues of sense of place, philosophy, identity and sustainability of the vernacular settlements. In more specific terms, the papers in this issue have focused on the following.

M. Maria Sudarwani et al. examine the issue of blending architecture with Nature. They examine the concepts of Sundanese architecture and their applications in contemporary architecture in Kampung Naga, Indonesia. Dhian Lestari Hastuti et al. examine Pracimosono as a place of intimacy and spiritual experience of the Mangkunegaran princesses in Surakarta, Indonesia. They point out that Dalem Keputren Pracimosono shapes the interiority of place through the intimate and spiritual experiences of the princesses, forming a strong connection to the Mangkunegaran Palace. Shubuha Pilar Naredia, & Sunarmi on the other hand, examine the symbolic meanings of noble values in Srandul Art in Kampung Bumen, Kotagede, Indonesia. Rasha albayati & Dhirgham Alobaydi examine conservation of urban heritage landscapes deriving lessons from the Souq Al-Saffarin in Baghdad, Iraq. Simultaneously, Yanita Mila Ardiani et al. look at anti-colonialism during Suharto's New Order Era and its impact on conservation of architecture in Indonesia. They conclude that Suharto focused on preserving only the unique masterpieces. Vernacular Architecture became replicas inside the TMII while perishing in the real world, as they found.

Erwin Ardianto Halim et al. present to us "Mamuli" pattern in East Sumba woven fabric as inspiration for "Kandunnu" standing lamp using the IMOE method. The experiment they developed had generated experimental innovative product designs. Aulia Sholichah et al. discuss the local wisdom of the Begalan tradition in weddings bringing insights from Banyumas, in central Java, Indonesia. They point out that the Begalan tradition, imparts several local wisdom values, including community ethics, harmony, self-control, saving, and respect. Anak Agung et al. examine the physical changes and spirit of place of the Puri Karangasem area in Bali, Indonesia. They show that there are significant changes in the physical area of Puri Karangasem, which includes the spatial structure of the city. At the same time, Akhmetova Anna Valinurovna et al. look at the development of traditional communities of the Khabarovsk territory during the population policy of 1970s-1980s of Russia. Similarly, Nina Kozbagarova & Meruyert Srail examine the expressions of national identity in the landscape architecture projects in Kazakhstan while Ervin Paci examines the seismic effects on the stone masonry of Rubik Church in Albania. In contrast, Ali Raoof et al. look into the issue of maintaining identity of the built environments of religious cities ascertaining the impact of expansions at the historic Karbala, on the vernacular communities in Iraq.

R. J. Vidyullatha presents us adaptive reuse of heritage buildings for sustainable urban regeneration. They present two case studies from India. Ida Bagus et al. examine the reciprocal relationships between the artistic expressions of the Isolo performance of Sentani tribe with the spatial contexts of the Putali village, Indonesia. Tuoi Thi Tran presents us Thomas Hobbes' Views on the notion of power in "Leviathan" and their manifestations in human settlements in Vietnam. Finally, Muhammad Fariz Hilmy & Septana Bagus Pribadi presents us the issues of maintaining sense of place in a historic village bringing insights from the Pekalongan Arabic Village in Indonesia.

There is no doubt that this issue of the ISVS e-journal has been a collection of very meaningful studies into the vernacular settlements bringing out insights hitherto not available. We are most thankful to all our authors for their great contributions.

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