

EFFECTS OF WORK PLACE DESIGN ON BEHAVIORS

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ABSTRACT:

People spend most of their time inside an enveloped building, his thoughts molded by the walls. In the eagerness of running with time the capitalist minds have forced humans to live like a machine which has resulted in much distress and mental tension as part and parcel. So today, an average office worker has less productivity at the workplace and he/she comes home carrying the burden of work, which can hypothetically be improved by designing better spaces. Good architecture can heal a person and develop positive attributes in him/her. To be an architect with moral values, one must have deep appreciation of a human lifestyle and its capacity to adapt from its surroundings. This paper focuses on workplace environment and spaces in Karachi, considering the question how different spaces influence cognition? And is there an ideal architectural space for various kinds of thinking? The paper considers antiquity of the architectural determinism as a theory, and works upon the attributes which can diverge and positively enhance architectural perseverance through the review of archival data, articles, books and historical reference with support of questionnaires. The conclusion points towards the need of architecture to be developed into not just an envelope, but as a space which shapes the behavior, attribute and positivity of its users.

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