Abstract

This paper discusses the importance of a theoretical planning framework in Arab cities. It suggests that Islamism and relevant planning theories may represent a good base to develop this framework. Consequentially, a Planning Reform Model (PRM), specific to current setting in the Arab World, is developed. The model encourages participatory planning process, which is lacking in many Arab cities. The paper concludes by discussing the constraints which may impede the usage of such a model along with suggestions on how to deal with them.