

ICIBACC 2014

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
ISLAMIC BUSINESS, ART,
CULTURE & COMMUNICATION

“Addressing Challenges & Sustaining
Excellence in a Globalised Malay &
Islamic World”

DEPARTMENT OF
RESEARCH & INDUSTRIAL LINKAGES
UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA, MELAKA



KEMENTERIAN
PENDIDIKAN
MALAYSIA

AKEPT
AKADEMI KEPERAWATAN
PENGAJARAN TINGGI

HIGHER
EDUCATION
LEADERSHIP
ACADEMY



UNIVERSITI
TEKNOLOGI
MARA



sponsored by



Axiata Group Sdn Bhd

Suria Pictar Sdn Bhd

THE EFFECTS OF CULTURAL VALUES ON TRADITIONAL ISLAMIC-ARABIC HOUSES IN THE MIDDLE-EAST

Dana K. Amro¹, Azizi Bahauddin²

School of Housing, Building & Planning¹

Universiti Sains Malaysia

Penang, Malaysia

E-mail address: dana.amro79@gmail.com

School of Housing, Building & Planning²

Universiti Sains Malaysia

Penang, Malaysia

E-mail address: azizigt@gmail.com

Abstract

Culture and design determine the space influenced values; they specifically outline space variations between values within a culture in relation to design space influenced values. By the vision of an ideal life, one can shape and mold the vision of space by reflecting cultural forces such as religious beliefs. The purpose of this study will determine cultural values and religious beliefs. In turn, assess the effects on the formation of houses in the Middle East. For this principle, the elements of traditional Islamic-Arabic homes showed effects by determining certain elements such as the bent entrance, the courtyard, Haramlak-Selamlak (women - men's quarters) and the Mashrabiyyah (wooden windows). Qualitative analysis was used as the method to analyze the case studies comparing traditional courtyard homes to today's housing. The results have shown that today's housing was unsuccessful when trying to imitate the provision of privacy as it was in the houses during the past.

Keywords: traditional courtyard houses, cultural values, privacy, architectural & interior design.