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**Abstract**

This research is about appreciating historical sites, it is about defining the difficulties of approaching these sites and finding the right methods of intervention on different scales beginning with urban planning and ending with architectural design.

The result of this research will lead to the improvement of life quality of the people inhabiting a historical site and its surrounding area if not the whole region in terms of economy, culture, and education. In addition, by defining the right intervention methods valuable great historical sites as a valuable heritage wouldn't have to suffer from a surrounding which is abandoning and neglecting. In other words it will set the right rules of investment for these sites.

In order to accomplish the intended result, the author will discuss The Venice Charter (Appendix I) in order to formulate a list of criteria that architectural projects should consider, afterwards the author will demonstrate architectural Integration Methods and will judge them according to the formulated criteria in order to figure out the priorities that each Method considers, and then will organize the results in a form of table of comparison. Following to this comparison the author analyze two study cases which cover variety of solutions being judged by critics, people, and his own personal opinion.

As each case will imply different factors, a table of comparison between the chosen cases will be concluded in order to realize a list of guidelines based on the factors that need to be considered in the integration process.

As architecture is an artistic science, this method will allow the author to set scientific rules for the art that architects and urban planners create in their proposed projects in the present as well as in the future. Taking into consideration that each new site will suggest the possibility of addition to the formulated list.

Once the mentioned list is realized, it will be applied on a specific site, being Apamea, and the specific reasons why this site was chosen will be explained. Consequently, a discussion will be opened and will lead to a modified list that the chosen site will implied.

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