Overview

Among the different forms of capitals, social capital has drawn the widest attention from researchers in the field of sociology. It is evident that the idea or the exact term of social capital was in use for a long period of time, applied for study of issues in varying contexts. However, the current interest in social capital can be attributed to the works of three scholars; Pierre Bourdieu, James Coleman and Robert Putnam. It focuses on social networks and human relationships as a vital asset.

According to Bourdieu, the amount of social capital of an individual depends on the size of the network relations that he/she can effectively used and the amount of economic and cultural capital that the members of such network possess. Coleman identifies three manifestations of social capital: Obligations, Information Channels and Norms. Putnam extended the knowledge and application of the concept of social capital with the emphasis in fields of political science and governance. He identified “Stocks” of social capital in community level as well as at national level and resultant effects on development.

Social capital consists of three main forms; bonding (horizontal community connections) bridging (connections between vertical layers of society) and liking (connections between individuals and organizations).

The bonding capital assists survival of the poor but fail to improve the living conditions. On the contrary the bridging capital contributes the upward mobility of the marginalized.

The relationship between the housing or the neighborhood and social capital has been dealt extensively. The focus of the discourse is on the effects of the built environment on the creation of the social capital. On the other hand it is shown that bridging capital act as a cause for the improvement of living environment.

Objectives

i) Understanding of the concept of social capital and it’s different forms such as bonding, bridging and linking

ii) Understanding the relationship between social capital and human settlements/neighborhoods/housing

iii) Application of the theoretical knowledge on empirical situations finding solutions to improve shelter conditions of the marginalized.
Teaching Faculty

Eminent International Faculty

Architect D. P. Chandrasekara, after studying M.Sc.(Architecture) from University of Moratuwa in 1986, he obtained Postgraduate Diploma in Urban Revitalization and Heritage Management from Institute of Housing and Urban Studies, Rotterdam, Netherlands in 1998. He also completed Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Sociology from University of Colombo in 2004. He is presently Senior Lecturer in Department of Architecture, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. His research interests are: Social Implications in Architecture, Built Environment and Social Capital, Social Sustainability in low income housing settlements, Heritage Management- The conflicts between Tangible heritage and intangible heritage in Asian context. He has authored 4 books on Sri Lankan Heritage and Report on Pilot Settlement Development projects at Strathspey estate in Hatton and Pambegama estate in Ratnapura region.

Eminent National Faculty

Architect Debashis Sanyal, is presently Associate Professor in Department of Architecture, National institute of Technology Raipur. Since 1985, he is teaching various architectural subjects. His active research areas of interest are Self Sufficient (Energy Efficient) Housing, development of Eco-cities, Super tall Intelligent buildings, industrialized mass housing and Indoor Air quality of residential interiors. He is individual Member of International Council for Research and Innovation in Building & Construction (CIB), Netherlands and Working Group 098, 119. He is also member of International Association for Housing Science and Individual Member (Academic) of Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat, USA. In 1996, he has authored a research paper on Super Tall Buildings: The Socio-Psychological Implications which was published in Architects India.

Schedule

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Number of Participants will be limited to 40

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