TROPICAL ARCHITECTURE
In its Place

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Abstract

The purpose for this dissertation is to be able to contribute positively to the current discourse on tropical architecture within the region resulting in a better understanding of the subject through a taxonomy of tropical architecture. As a place like Singapore, which is usually also called a tropical island city with its own unique character, one is primed to explore the very frontiers of tropical architecture and its contexts. With factors that include cultural diversity and identity, climate, and sustained growth with an extreme lack of natural resources, threatening the very essences of the environment which is called home and country to about four million people, one not only need but must be at the forefront of a discourse to continually strive to create habitable space. As such, one is not talking about just living environments but quality living environments. This need not just be isolated within Singapore or even the South East Asian region as there are many other countries like India for example that are also within the geographical and climatic definition of the tropics that would also benefit from such a study in an effort to better our living environment.

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