

## The Morphology of Tripoli's City Center

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### **Abstract**

Tripoli is one of the most famous cities of the northern coast of Africa since pre-Christian eras. Because of its geographical and strategic importance, Tripoli was a shift point of the trading process between Europe and Africa. Its land witnessed many civilizations and invasions. This fact significantly influenced its physical and social structure.

This paper discusses the spatial features of Tripoli's center through studying the morphological characteristics of the spatial core of the city through different stages. This city witnessed great changes and developments in its urban structure due to configurational differences resulted from the process of urban development and growth, particularly with the advent of the 20th century up to our present day.

The paper adopted the method of space syntax theory as a technique for analysis and comparison among the space systems of the study area. It also applied the techniques of axial maps through using (Arc View GIS 3.2) application in order to find out the mathematical and measuring indications of the paper's results which will be interpreted into designing indications to be used in explaining the urban configuration of Tripoli's center.