



HOME
RENAISSANCE
FOUNDATION®

HOME RENAISSANCE FOUNDATION
WORKING PAPERS
Number 132

*The Architecture of Home: The fluidity of
space, culture, time, and care*
Mohamed Gamal Adelmanem

Paper delivered at Santa Croce and Home Renaissance Foundation
Workshop: "The "home factor" between caring for oneself, others, and the
environment", Santa Croce University, Rome, 7 March 2025

The Architecture of Home: The fluidity of space, culture, time, and care
Mohamed Gamal Abdelmonem

Abstract

Looking beyond the physical attributes of the house, investigating the notion of "home" opens up multitudes of frontiers where space, culture, and time intertwine to shape the home to cater for the changing needs of the family, community, and society at large. This paper discusses the spatial and cultural fabric of "home," where it adapts to family needs across time, and how it enabled us to overcome the challenges of global pandemic, health inequalities, intergenerational care, and enable agile responses to climate change. It analyses the culture and architecture of "home" in different contexts, from the UK, Europe, Middle East, and Asia to understand the universal values and attributes of "home" and its architecture. The dynamics of the socio-spatial spheres of home, this paper reports, reveal a complex system of architecture where space, culture, time, and care operate in tandem and can reshape to support local customs and social needs.

Full Paper awaiting publication