

# Rasht city center, a social sustainability approach

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In recent years and in order to have optimal use of time and ensure that all members of a family can meet their needs at their free time and can have a positive interaction with other members, some spaces like "City Centers" were created in big cities. Referring to the fact that a City Center is a site with capability to become a place to create social interactions between citizens of different ages and cultures, it can be helpful as a place to create a sense of belonging in citizens for the growth of the social sustainability of urban communities. In the general sense, social sustainability is synonymous with raising the life quality of present and future generation, taking into account his talents and capacities and meeting the needs of all strata, and has indexes such as increasing the level of education, social justice and public participation, etc. Today, public spaces in cities are considered as huge capacities to meet the social needs of man and providing his social life. Accordingly, it has been tried to play an effective role in the present study, by creating a space that responds to the needs of all people in the community to spend their leisure time, and by creating a sense of belonging by means of its structure in helping and increasing the social sustainability. In this regard, at first, various ideas about the public space and its role in social sustainability have been studied and analyzed and by means of the obtained results of this study, action has been taken to identify the qualitative components of structural environment in City Center. Finally, according to the obtained results, some solutions have been provided for designing City Center in Rasht city. This study has been done through descriptive-analytical method by way of library studies and referring to objective examples.

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