

Preface

This transactional phenomenological research in urban housing transformation centres on typical social building initiated and provided by government as public housings in the northern region of Nigeria. Basically, the research sets out to investigate person–environment relations through space and activity space relations. The basis of the study is theoretically ingrained in emancipatory research philosophy, aligning with several ways of human thought based on diverse social, political, economic, gender, and inhabitants’ ethnic background in spite of existing commonalities. Uniquely common to this book is the persistent emphasis on the need to uncover the yield in housing transformation benefits and regulate unstructured public housing transformation, a gap yet to be addressed. This book thus responds to the widely experienced challenges in public housing with respect to the transition (evolution, growth and maturity) practised in public housing units in developing countries. It therefore provides direction to the challenges and changing face of housing spatial problems experienced by public housing residents living in the urban environment. This arose from the need to provide for clarity in space perception and its associated relationship with households’ social traits. Therefore, relating the clarity of building entity to behavioural patterns comprehended from users’ viewpoint, each with its describable, distinct but complementary features.

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