

## **Cities, Communities and Homes: Is the Urban Future Livable?**

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Space Protection and Reconstruction Strategies: A case of the Jingjinji Area Traditional Villages of China

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- **Abstract (300 words):**

There has been rapid urbanization in China at the expense of agricultural and rural development. Consequently, the traditional villages are dying off at the speed of 100 per day. To save precious culture heritage and address urban and rural of unbalanced development, the best approach is to make villages more livable by providing chances for employment beyond farming that motivate vitality and make these areas more sustainable.

This work concerns itself with investigating the Jingjinji area and what it is suffering. Two important strategies are highlighted in addressing unbalanced regional development and the related population flows from rural areas to the city with the aim of making traditional villages around city more attractive to people in the city. The paper thus aims to explore how best to preserve both the physical and mental heritage of the traditional village and identify what makes rural areas attractive and more livable.

The work addresses three main questions: (1)How have relationships between nationality, blood and social structures evolved in the formation of the village?; (2)How have cultural theories been used in siting and generating development and to what effect?; (3)How could these factors be improved in the context of the natural environments essential in creating more livable villages? The paper concludes with recommendations for protecting lifestyle and social structures, advancing construction and management ideas, and consolidating the agricultural base of these rural areas.

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