Reconstructing Spatial Paradigms: A Critical Re-evaluation of Technological Integration in Contemporary Architectural Engineering

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Abstract. This article examines the intersection of traditional architectural methodologies and modern technological advancements, focusing on how this integration reshapes spatial paradigms in contemporary architecture and construction engineering. Utilizing a mixed-methods approach, including case studies, interviews, and quantitative analyses, we reveal how architectural practices are challenged by innovative technologies such as Building Information Modeling (BIM) and Augmented Reality (AR). The findings underscore the necessity for architects and engineers to reassess conventional frameworks to embrace synergistic relationships with emerging technologies, leading to optimized design processes and enhanced spatial experiences. This work contributes to ongoing debates within architectural education and practice, advocating for a transformative paradigm shift that aligns with the evolving demands of sustainable urban environments.

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Introduction

As we advance into the mid-2020s, the architectural and engineering sectors face unprecedented challenges that necessitate a critical re-evaluation of established conventions. The pressing global issues of climate change, urbanization, and socio-economic disparities compel professionals in these fields to rethink their approaches to design and construction. The integration of advanced technologies like Building Information Modeling (BIM), Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Augmented Reality (AR) has emerged as a pivotal element in addressing these challenges, prompting a paradigm shift in how spaces are conceptualized, designed, and constructed. The current trajectory of urban development is marked by rapid population growth and the consequent need for sustainable

infrastructure. Architectural practices that fail to adapt to these changes risk obsolescence in a landscape that increasingly values efficiency, sustainability, and user-centered design. This scenario posits the question: How can traditional architectural principles coexist with these modern technologies in a harmonious and productive manner? Our investigation delves into this inquiry through a comprehensive analysis of interdisciplinary case studies and expert interviews, aimed at illuminating the pathways through which conventional methodologies can be revitalized and integrated with cutting-edge technologies. In this paper, we will first provide a thorough analysis of the challenges faced by the architectural and engineering sectors, exploring existing literature and current practices. Next, we will introduce our research methodology, detailing the case studies selected for this investigation and the criteria for participant involvement. Subsequently, we will present and discuss our findings, highlighting key insights into the transformative potential of technological integration within architectural practices. Finally, we will conclude with recommendations for practitioners and educators on fostering an adaptable and innovative framework that embraces this paradigm shift.

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