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**- A STUDY ON ADAPTABLE, MULTI-FUNCTIONAL SPACES**

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**ABSTRACT**

Communities and their various needs change over time, hence they require spaces that can adapt well to those changes and even allow for a range of users to enjoy the same space at different times. This research is centred on the investigation and the application of a system of programming of such spaces - spaces that possess an intrinsic capacity to adapt to the ever changing aspirations of the population by availing multiple opportunities for conversation, information sharing, performances, celebrations and play, whether on a short-term, mid-term and/ or long-term basis.

Dr Antony Moulis, senior lecturer at the University of Queensland, opines that the great public spaces of the world are memorable for their enduring qualities; that indeed, it is a sense of timelessness that draws us to them, the knowledge that they connect the city's needs in its past, present and future in a real and tangible way (Moulis, 2010).

However, though the ambition to make places of lasting civic presence in cities and towns today may seem an obvious one, it presents significant challenges. Using the domains of the various case studies, participant's naturalistic observations and active consultations with the target respondents, the principles of flexibility is fully explored.