

TYOLOGIES OF FORMAL URBAN HOUSING IN INDONESIA: TOWARDS A TAXONOMY

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Abstract

Urban housing in Indonesia historically began in the late 1800s in the colonial period, with the influx of Dutch people from their native country to Indonesia. With the historical transformation of cities and towns and the changes in urban policies from one regime to the other, urban housing has transformed throughout several periods. In the transformation process, dualism in urban development has also played its important role, resulting housing in Indonesia into what is called formal and informal housing and settlements. This paper portrays the typologies of one part of formal housing; that is, the organized housing, whose formation in the Dutch period was mostly directed by the involvement of the Dutch administration, while in the post colonial periods the formation is predominantly processed by market mechanism. The typologies described in this paper are analysed and presented using taxonomic approach, by which the roots and the hierarchy of categories of typologies can be identified. However, the taxonomy of organized-formal urban housing typologies shown and described in this paper is still preliminary. The taxonomy shows that typologies of organized-formal urban housing in Indonesia from post colonial era are more complex than the ones formed in the Dutch colonial period.

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